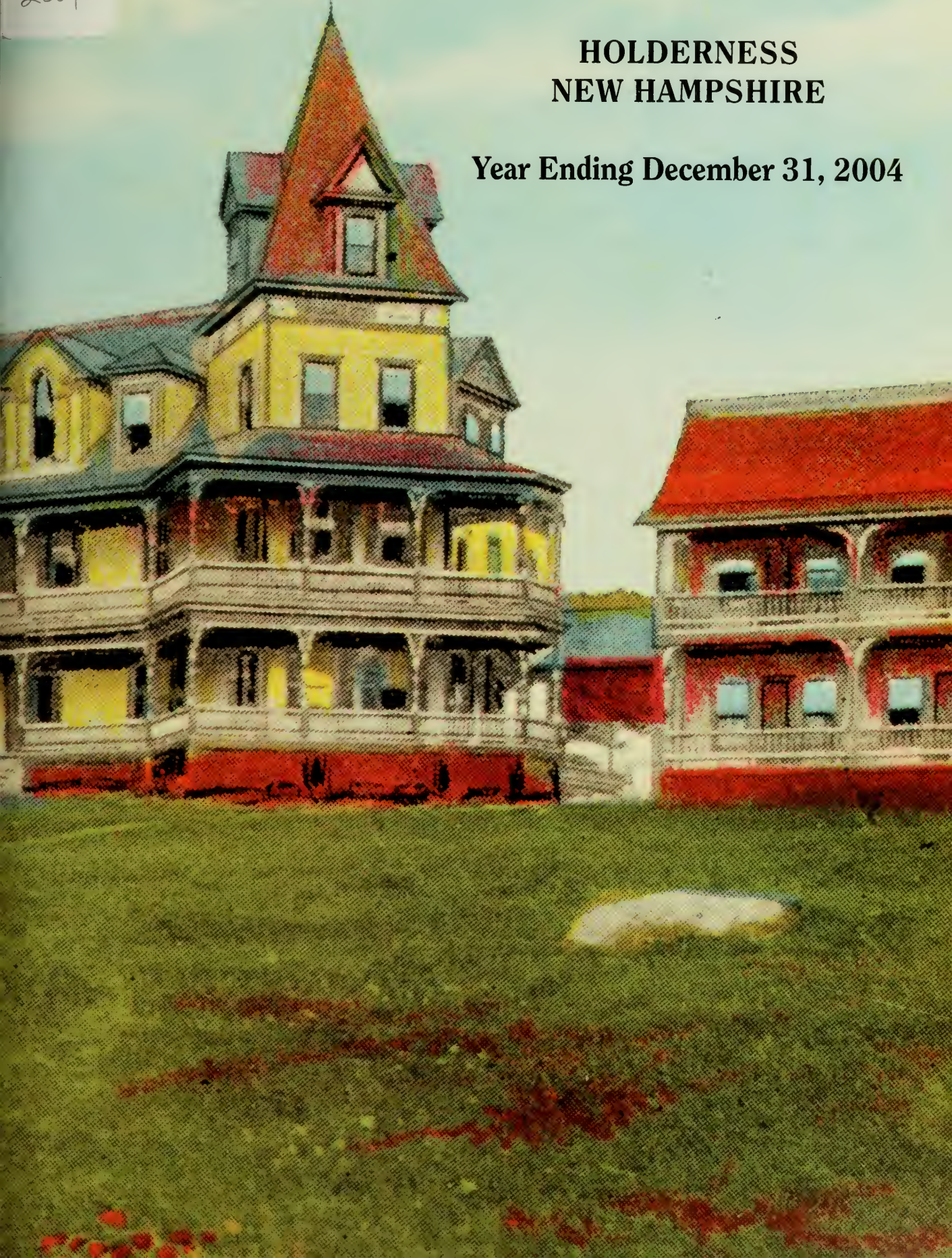


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NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Year Ending December 31, 2004



MT. LIVERMORE HOTEL – “The Towers”
Benjamin Franklin Jewell
Proprietor

Shown on the cover is the Mount Livermore Hotel, also known as the Mount Livermore Estate or “The Towers,” a grand hotel which once was located on the north side of Big Squam Lake adjacent to Livermore Cove. Additional photos of this historic building can be seen on page 100 of this report..

Benjamin Franklin Jewel, born in 1849 near Squam Bridge, returned to Holderness in 1883, purchased land from his father, and began a summer boarding business in a small way that steadily increased from the first. He gradually bought adjoining land and added new buildings. In 1898 fifteen buildings, stretching to the shores of the Cove, were destroyed by fire. Undeterred, Jewel began immediately to rebuild. Soon the Hotel was second only to the Asquam House as one of the grand resort hotels in Holderness.

Between 1885 and 1910, the height of the era of huge hotels in the White Mountains, more than 12,000 people could be accommodated in the region’s 200 hotels, inns, and boarding houses. This influx of summer visitors was spurred on by easy access due to the growth of the railroads.

After Jewel’s death in 1903, Benjamin Pease ran the Mount Livermore Hotel. Another spectacular fire occurred in 1923. The year 1938 marked the end of a fabulous chapter in Holderness history when the Hotel closed forever. Frank Webster later purchased the acreage, and the land remains within the Webster family today. The only vestige of this wonderful facility is a historic boulder adjacent to the NH Route 113 inscribed in memory of the Benjamin Franklin Jewel estate.

Vintage postcards courtesy of Susan Webster and Peter Francesco

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TOWN OFFICERS -2004

ASSESSORS' AGENT - 968-2145

Corcoran Consulting Association
Wil Corcoran

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Martha Macomber (School Board)
Earle Jenkins 3/2005
Kurt Magnus 3/2006
Peter Webster (Selectmen Liaison)
William Johnstone 3/2007

COMPLIANCE/HEALTH OFFICER

968-4491

Richard Mardin *

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Barbara Currier, (Selectmen Liaison)
Anne Packard 3/2005
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2006
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2005
Regie Pettitt 3/2006
Michael Barney 3/2007

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

536-2932

Peter Furmanick - Highway Agent
Robert Potter - Foreman
Dennis Hughes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Director
Harry Maybeck 3/2006

FIRE CHIEF 968-4491

Richard Mardin *

FIRE WARDEN

Richard Mardin *

FIRE WARDS

** David Dupuis 3/2006
** Earl Hansen 3/2004
** Harold Maybeck 3/2005

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling
Bruce Whitmore

LIBRARIAN 968-7066

Suzanne Peoples

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

** Amanda Loud 3/2007
** Laurence Webster 3/2006
** Frances "Kay" Hanson 3/2006
** Susan Beeson 3/2007
Sandra Ray 3/2005

MODERATOR

** Ross V. Deachman 3/2005

MUNICIPAL SECRETARY - 968-2145

Dee Canavan

OVERSEER OF WELFARE - 968-2145

Louis Pare
Kathleen Wieliczko-Deputy

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

PLANNING BOARD

Lorraine Downs-Lenentine 3/2005
David Driscoll 3/2005
Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2006
Steven Huss, (Selectmen Liaison) *
Suzanne Peoples 3/2007
Joanna Tuverson 3/2007
William Waldrip 3/2006
Robert Snelling, Alt. 3/2006

POLICE DEPARTMENT 968-9555

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge
Sgt. Shawn Magoon
Patrol Officer – Erik F. DiFilippe
Patrol Officer – Joseph J. Vogel IV
Patrol Officer – David Bourne
Merritt Salmon
Stephanie MacKay - Secretary

RECREATION BOARD - 968-3700

Sam Laverack (Selectmen Liaison)
Wendy Werner, Director *
Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2007
George Sutcliffe 3/2005
Peter Durnan 3/2007
Janis Messier 3/2005
John Fogarty 3/2006
Wendy Mersch, Alternate
Martin Riehs, Alternate

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

** Shane Sirles, Chrm. 3/2006
** Martha Macomber 3/2006
** Edward Swanson 3/2005
** Laura Rollinson 3/2007
Jane Barry 3/2005
(appointed by the Board to finish a term – 2004)

SELECTMEN

** Barbara Currier 3/2004
** Steven L. Huss, Chrm. 3/2004
** Peter S. Francesco 3/2005
** Samuel Laverack, VChrm. 3/2006
** Peter Webster 3/2007

TOWN OFFICERS -2004

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Anthony Raymond 3/2008
** Frances Taylor 3/2005
** Margaret Winton 3/2010

TAX COLLECTOR - 968-3536

** Ellen King 3/2005
Alicia Abbott *

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - 968-2145

Paul Weston

TOWN AUDITORS

Vachon & Clukay
Dave Clukay
131 Middle Street
Manchester, NH 03101

TOWN CLERK - 968-3536

Ellen King 3/2005
Alicia Abbott *

TOWN HALL - 968-2145

Barbara Currier, (Selectmen Liaison)
Paul Buck *
Paul Montour *
Steven Szabadics *
Alden VanSickle *
Margaret Winton *

TOWN TREASURER

** Michael O'Leary

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND

** Michael Barney 3/2007
** Maurice Lafreniere 3/2005
** Anthony Raymond 3/2006

VILLAGE SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Maureen Clifford
Randolph Currier
William Dembiec
David Driscoll, Chrm.
Roger Gage
Peter Francesco, S.L.
Eric Nielsen
Anthony Raymond

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

Alicia Abbott
Peter Webster, S.L.
Nancy Voorhis

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jack Barbera, Chr 3/2006
Ivan Bass 3/2006
Gyda Dicosola 3/2004
Harry Decker, Alt. 3/2005
Susan Webster 3/2005
Timothy Lyons, Alt. 3/2004
Robert Rothschild 3/2006

* "...until another person shall be chosen and qualified..."

** ...Elected Officials...

S.L. Selectman Liaison

HOLDERNESS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2004 REPORT



Left to right:: Town Administrator Paul Weston, Selectman Peter Francesco, Selectman Peter Webster, Chairman Steve Huss, Selectman Barbara Currier, Vice Chairman Sam Laverack, and Municipal Secretary Dee Canavan.

We were all shocked and saddened on the day of last years Town Elections by Selectman Art Bartholomew's passing. He was an active participant in our Town government serving in his second term as a Selectman and a former School Board member for nine years. We miss the quick humor he so often used to quell heated discussion. His unexpired term was completed by Steve Huss.

Here are some of the projects that were completed this year:

- The Town Hall renovations were accomplished under the capable guidance of Paul Montour and the Town Hall Committee. Hopefully you have all had a chance to see the internal changes as well as the more obvious external improvements in parking, access and landscaping.
- The New Hampshire DOT made good on its promise to fix the recreation path by paving it this summer.
- This summer we became "official" participants in the State's 911 Emergency Program by issuing Town wide house numbers. (Something most of us have accepted with mixed feelings!) This was the culmination of eight years of work primarily done single handedly by Fire Chief Dick Mardin.
- The New Hampshire Electric Co-op completed its voluntary evaluation and upgrading of our street lighting, replacing most of our existing fixtures with new "dark sky" lamps. They also added 4 badly needed lights around the Central School. No cost to the Town. Thank you NH Electric Co-op.

There are two major projects scheduled for 2005. The beginning of the replacement of the Route 175 Bridge to Plymouth by NH DOT and our "Village Sidewalk" project to construct a sidewalk from Squam Boats to the Golden Pond Country Store (Chesley's). The funding for the new sidewalk will be an article to be voted on in this years Town Meeting Warrant, 80% of which will be funded by a Federal Grant.

With the defeat of Article 8 on last years Warrant, to give the Selectmen the power to run the dissolved sewer district on Rivers Streets, the selectmen tried unsuccessfully to find an entity to take on that responsibility. After several meetings with the affected property owners this summer the Selectmen agreed to put the article back on this years warrant to give the sewer line users a chance to present their case.

Following up on the positive vote on Article 10 of the 2001 Town Meeting that authorized the Town to enter into a contract with the Pemi Fish & Game Club to allow the Town to excavate gravel for Town use, the Selectmen, as instructed by the article, applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to obtain a Special Exception. During the process of the hearings the Selectmen decided to withdraw the application. Along with strong local opposition, we learned that a Special Exception, if granted, runs in perpetuity with the property deed not just the term of the contract. None of the parties involved wanted this and there seemed to be no legal way around it. Thus the Selectmen decided to withdraw the application.

It is worthwhile to note the successful completion of the town wide property re-evaluation of the Town which involved about 2,200 parcels of land. The Town had only 77 abatement requests filed which amount to only 3.5% of the total parcels. To us it reflects the complete and fair approach taken by Corcoran Assoc. to assess the town as close to market rates as possible.

We would like to thank those employees who left us during 2004 including Corporal Mark Nash from the Police Department; Kay Hansen, our Recreation Director; and Stuart Sherburne, who retired from the Highway Department after 13 years. We wish them good luck.

We extend a warm welcome to Eric Difilippe and David Bourne, both of whom joined the Police Department as Patrol Officers; Wendy Werner, our new Recreation Director; and David Goodwin, our new Heavy Equipment Operator, in the Highway Department.

We thank you all for your support and we invite you to continue to participate in your government. It's much easier to stay involved today if you have a computer and are connected to the internet. Our website, www.holderness-nh.gov, posts the current meeting agendas for the selectmen (and most committees), as well as the minutes for all past meetings. Have a Great 2005!

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Huss, Chairman
Sam Laverack, Vice-Chairman
Barbara Currier
Peter Francesco
Peter Webster
Holderness Board of Selectmen

**DEDICATION
OF THE
2004 ANNUAL REPORT**



D. ARTHUR BARTHOLOMEW

On March 9, 2004, the Holderness community was greatly shocked and saddened at the untimely death of Selectman D. Arthur Bartholomew. He grew up in Portland, Maine, was a graduate of Husson College, and had been a resident of Holderness for the past 24 years. He was a devoted husband to his lovely wife Priscilla, and a great father to two wonderful children, Margaret and Zachary. Art served on many boards and committees, including nine years on the Holderness Central School Board, board member and trustee of the Squam Lakes Science Center, and was serving as a Selectman at the time of his death. A man of great integrity and wisdom, his leadership, humor, and warmth are greatly missed. In recognition of his long and superb service to the community, we, the Holderness Board of Selectmen, do hereby dedicate the 2004 Annual Report to D. Arthur Bartholomew.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S 2004 REPORT

Once again, it is with pride and pleasure that I present to you the 2004 Annual Report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Herein we have strived to provide to you an informative and complete Annual Report outlining how your tax dollars were expended during the past year.

As we look back on 2004 we note the untimely death of Selectman Arthur Bartholomew – a superb Selectman and a special individual whom we miss greatly.

And as we look forward to 2005 and beyond, we note the end of direct municipal service for Board of Selectmen Chairman Steve Huss, who has served the community with great skill and business acumen for over ten years as a Selectman. We wish Steve well in future endeavors.

Having served as town administrator in four other municipalities, I can assure you Holderness has enjoyed great leadership and management at the Board of Selectmen level in recent years. Also, I know each municipal employee daily strives to provide excellent service to the taxpayers, citizens, and visitors of Holderness. I continue to feel it is an honor and a privilege to serve you as Town Administrator in such a beautiful location and with such special people.

I want to thank Steve Huss specifically, and also the other Selectmen, for their support and counsel during 2004. Finally, I want to thank my fellow Holderness town employees for a job well done and thank you, the citizens of Holderness, for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Paul Weston, Town Administrator
Town of Holderness



Town Office Staff – Left to right: Town Administrator Paul Weston, Bookkeeper Nicholas DeRivo, Municipal Secretary Dee Canavan, Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk Alicia Abbott, Tax Collector/Town Clerk Ellen King.

HOLDERNESS TOWN BEACH 2004 REPORT

Although the name of the road to the Town Beach changed from Livermore Cove Road to Dirt Road our Town Beach remains a terrific resource for all of us.

In 2004, 217 beach passes were purchased. Beach passes for 2005 are available and can be purchased at the Town Hall. Be sure to pick up a one page Town Beach Rules and Regulations handout and review it with everyone in your family. Our facility is an enjoyable place to spend some quality Lake time and we certainly appreciate all the folks who continue to follow the Beach etiquette.

From June 15 through Labor Day, a beach attendant was on duty from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The duties of the beach attendant include monitoring the use of the beach by Holderness residents/taxpayers and their guests, and enforcing the rules of the use of the Beach as stated in the Rules and Regulations sheet supplied with the purchase of a Holderness Beach Pass. The Beach Attendants are not lifeguards, and although they have the authority to enforce the rules and regulations of the use of the Beach and its facilities, they are not hired as, nor necessarily are qualified, as lifeguards.

In addition to a fine, sandy beach, the Town Beach provides swing sets, picnic tables, a raft, porta-potties, and a changing room. A public phone is provided for limited local calls and emergency use. Although trash receptacles are provided, we are appreciative of the many beach goers who complied with our "carry-in and carry-out" policy.

Peter Furmanick and the crew from the Public Works Department did a great job in helping us get the beach ready in the spring and working to improve the parking lot area. The Beach was set up and closed down this season by volunteers from the Recreation Board of Directors and by students from the Holderness School. This involved setting out the raft, the swim lines, putting up the swings, and raking the beach in the Spring; then in the Fall, putting everything away for the winter.

We thank the many users of the Beach for their support and help in maintaining a wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Sam Laverack (Selectman Liaison)
Peter Durnan
Jay Fogarty
Wendy Mersch
Janis Messier
Marty Riehs
Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

HOLDERNESS COMPLIANCE OFFICER 2004 REPORT

2004 PERMITS

WELLS	3
COTTAGES.....	6
HOUSES	22
ADDITIONS.....	11
ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS	16
PORCH	11
SHEDS	7
SIGNS	1
GARAGES.....	9
SEPTIC SYSTEM, NEW	31
SEPTIC SYSTEM, REPAIR	7
BARNs	2
DEMOLITION	10
PARKING LOT	1
MOBIL HOME	1
COMMERCIAL BLD	3
DECKs	4

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	145
PERMITS ISSUED.....	143
DENIED.....	2
VARIANCES GRANTED	1

Respectfully submitted
Richard Mardin
Fire Chief/Compliance Officer

HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2004 REPORT

The major focus of the commission in 2004 continued to be the town conservation properties and easements. Members of the commission visit all on a regular basis, both for trail repairs and LCIP related duties. LCIP stands for Land Conservation Investment Program. Those duties involve monitoring one easement and two properties, the Pilote Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park. Both of those properties were purchased with LCIP funds. LCIP has now been transformed into the Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program. We are investigating getting funds from the latter program. It is important that the Town continue to support our efforts in contributing to the Town's Conservation Fund.

The Commission continues to be strongly interested in the protection of the local environment, particularly with respect to water (streams, lakes and wetlands). It is important to protect the local watersheds and the streams that flow out of those watersheds into Squam Lake and the Pemigewasset River. The Commission has worked closely with Squam Lakes Association and the Squam Lakes Conservation Trust on those matters. The north end of River Street has now been incorporated into a wellhead protection zone for the Town of Plymouth. Holderness retains the right of co-inspection in actions involving that wellhead protection zone. It is very important for the Town of Holderness to protect the gravel-pack aquifers associated with the intervalle area and the Town should strongly adhere to existing planning and zoning regulations with respect to actions in the that area.

We have continued our cooperative arrangement with Plymouth State University with respect to the PSU Day program. Students from the college cleaned up on the Holderness side of Livermore Falls, and the Pemi Riverside Park property. We are also hoping in the spring of 2005 to have students from the Holderness School do a trail project on the Pilote Forest. The Commission continues to work on developing a trail system that would include access to the Pilote Forest from the Central School via the Town Forest. Such a trail would allow Central School students to do natural history studies and also community service work. We've met with both school officials and local residents about the project. We are also continuing work on the development of a formal town-wide system of trails that would allow users to hike from the town center to Plymouth. We are actively seeking out local residents to work with us on this project.

The Commission continues to deal on a regular basis with items related to docks, wetlands permits, etc. We work closely with the Town Compliance Officer, Richard Mardin, on those matters. We've begun a plan of visiting all the prime wetlands in the Town of Holderness. So far, we have visited three of those. In an onsite visit to the wetland adjacent to Butternut Lane we noticed a problem and provided the Compliance Officer with information on that problem which subsequently has been fixed. We spent a large amount of time dealing with the issue of the gravel pit/prime wetland at the Pemi Fish and Game Club.

We received this past summer a full set of Squam Lakes Watershed maps. These have been laminated and are available at the Town Office. We will be working with the Lakes Region Planning Commission and the Town Planning Commission to determine how to best use those maps in the future. We, along with the PSU Center for the Environment, sponsored a joint meeting of all conservation commissions associated with the Pemigewasset and Baker River drainages in November. We plan to do a similar meeting for the Squam Lake Watershed commissions in the coming year.

Commissioner Lynne Morrison resigned. The Commission thanks Lynn for her work as a member of the Commission. Mike Barney was appointed as a new Commissioner. Barbara Currier continues to be a faithful attendee to our meetings as the representative from the Selectboard

The Commission meets the third Wednesday at 7:00PM at the town hall every month except for the summer months. Special meetings and field inspections are sometimes held in between regular meetings. If you have an interest in the work of the Commission or would like to become a member of the Commission, please contact the Town Administrator at the Town Office. All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public and we welcome all comments and any offers of assistance. The Commission maintains a website at: <http://www.holdernessconservationcommission.org>

Submitted by:
Mike Barney
Jacque Jewell
Anne Packard
Reggie Pettitt
Larry Spencer, Chairman
Barbara Currier, Selectboard Representative

CURRENT USE 2004 REPORT

TOTAL PARCELS.....	221
TOTAL ACRES	11,198
TOTAL VALUE.....	\$1,194,607

HOLDERNESS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2004 REPORT

The Holderness Fire-Rescue Department was busy in 2004 with, coincidentally, the same number of calls as 2003. Of those 277 calls, medical aid, rescues, and mutual aid responses rose noticeably while motor vehicle accidents declined. The Department also responded to four forestry incidents this year, while we were lucky enough to have had none in 2003.

The Department acquired some new equipment in 2004. A statewide grant program upgraded our in-vehicle and hand-held radios to the new "high band" standard. Generous citizens gave us a Ford Expedition, a Zodiac inflatable boat and motor, and a lawn mower. Most importantly, there are now several Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) around Town.

Early defibrillation is considered the key to surviving cardiac arrest, and AED's can now be found at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Chocorua Island Chapel, the PSU Field House, and in the Holderness Police cruiser. These AED's are relatively inexpensive and designed to be used by the general public. If any business, group, or individual wants to learn more about AED's or CPR, please call Chief Mardin at the Station.

Someone pointed out at a meeting last summer that we were, as a group, getting a bit gray. This resulted in an active recruitment drive through which we gained nine volunteers, most of whom are under 30, and seven of whom are currently earning their Firefighter Level One certifications. We are also lucky to have two high school students in our Explorer program.

One member retired in 2004. Dave Dupuis, although still a Fire Ward, stepped down from active duty after 30 years as a volunteer firefighter, 16 of them with Holderness. Dave, who was also the Elf behind Operation Santa for the last five years, will be missed.

Operation Santa provided merry Christmases for 38 children from 19 families this year, and we are grateful to the businesses and individuals who made that possible.

Another highlight of 2004 was the finalization of road names and house numbers for the Enhanced 9-1-1 identification program. Although Holderness may have lost a little rural charm, we here at the Fire Department are glad we can find you.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Carson
Clerk

HOLDERNESS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2004 CALLS

MEDICAL AID	128
RESCUE	10
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.....	35
VEHICLE FIRES	4
MUTUAL AID.....	32
STRUCTURE FIRES	2
CHIMNEY FIRES	3
FURNACE.....	1
ELECTRICAL	1
LIGHTNING	0
FORESTRY	4
ALARM ACTIVATIONS	24
SMOKE INVESTIGATIONS.....	4
ARCING WIRES.....	6
FUEL SPILLS.....	6
HAZ MAT	1
SERVICE	5
OTHER.....	11
 TOTAL.....	 277

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

2004 REPORT

The 2004 forest fire season began with the Warden and the Deputy Warden Training Session during April, in which we had four people attend.

On April 19 the towns in our region were in the Class 5 fire classification – the most extreme for fire danger. In this condition small fires will spread very rapidly and will be very difficult to extinguish. Severe spotting may occur and mop-up will require a great deal of effort.

At 3 PM we were called to Meredith Neck Road to help with a first alarm forest fire that was burning on both sides of the Road, fanned by strong winds coming off the lake.

At 4:28 PM we received a call from Red Hill Tower that they were observing a lot of smoke showing off Route 3 in the area of the Transfer Station. Upon the arrival of the personnel who were left in Town, Deputy Hansen immediately called for a first alarm as the fire was threatening two cabins on the shore of White Oak Pond. Because of all of the other fires in the area, our first alarm companies were already involved fighting fires elsewhere, thus we received help from Laconia, Tilton, Northfield, Warren, Wentworth, New Hampton, and Ashland. The acres burned on this fire totaled 5.8 and cost \$2,167.91 to extinguish.

On April 20 we received a call concerning two brush piles burning on Perch Pond Road. We found the property owner did not have a permit to burn, thus he paid \$376.19 for our response.

During the remainder of the season conditions were wetter – we never got above a Class 3 fire day. Ultimately the fall rains arrived and the season ended.

We issued 381 permits for the entire season. Be sure to call the Fire Station at 968-4491 or the Town Office at 968-3537 for a fire permit before you burn – it's the law and can be costly if you fail to give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Marden, Holderness Fire Warden

HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES'

2004 REPORT

The primary focus during 2004 was the building improvement plan. Excavating the perimeter of the building, sealing the foundation, the installation of proper drainage and covering the window wells with plastic covers rectified the long-standing problem of a damp cellar. Adrian Robie was the contractor for that project. While the ground was torn up, new exterior lampposts were wired to code and outfitted with new lamps. Holes around the perimeter of the eaves were sealed to eliminate bats. The exterior trim was given a new coat of paint.

On the interior the goal was to better utilize the basement space once the moisture problem was eliminated. A steel beam replaced the lally columns supporting the second floor of the addition creating a barrier free room. To maximize the view to the outdoors and the channel, the windows and exterior door were reconfigured. Upgraded wiring and lighting fixtures, fresh paint and new carpeting have combined to recreate a pleasant area that will be used as a multi-purpose room for the library and the community at large. The furnace room's interior walls have been fireproofed, and a storage area has been created with the addition of a partition.

The summer months at the library cause a significant increase in library usage. Seasonal residents, their guests and area tourists create extra challenges for the library and the staff. To keep pace with demand, the library now has two Internet accessible computers, a copy machine and a fax machine for patron use. Two part time summer employees, Ray Beeson and Lydia Miller, assisted Librarian Suzanne Peoples in providing patron service. Sara Weinberg volunteered to conduct a summertime story hour for preschoolers once a week for a month. Additionally, two regular volunteers, Myrtle Holland and Isabelle Rollison, contributed their time to the operation of the library. A sincere thank you is extended to all of them for commendable dedication and work.

The library's "Friends" group held its annual "Book, Bake & Plant Sale" on a cold windy day over Memorial Day weekend. The "50 cent Santa Sale" made its appearance this year at the Town Hall due to the renovation work going on at the library. Judging from the number of donated items and eager shoppers, it is likely that in future years the sale will continue to be held at the Town Hall in order to have enough space. The members of the "Friends" group voted this year to make a contribution toward the acquisition of furnishings for the newly created multi-purpose room. Successful fundraising events require so much from so many. Your efforts compound to the benefit of our community. Thank you all.

A generous contribution to the library illustrates the talent, creativity, and commitment of one of the library trustees, Susan Beeson. The area of the library dedicated to children needed some visual interest and excitement. With that in mind, Susan created a big, bold, colorful mural, which was applied to the walls in that corner. Comprised of a wide assortment of memorable storybook characters, it provided a

bright, cheery space for the youngsters. The mural looks terrific, Susan. Thank you so much. Come on in, with or without children, and see how many of the figures you can name. There is a lot going on in your local library. Check it out!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Ray on behalf of the Library Trustees.
Amanda Loud
Larry Webster
Kay Hanson
Susan Beeson
Sandy Ray

HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY DIRECTORS'

2004 REPORT

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 10am-6pm. Friday 10am-5pm. Saturday 10am-1pm.

E-Mail: holdernessfreelibrary@adelphia.net

Web Page: holdernessfreelibrary.org

Telephone: 968-7066

STATISTICS

	2002	2003	2004
Circulation			
Adult Items	7,775	7,905	7,965
Child Items	5,024	2,994	1,971
Total Items	12,799	10,899	10,036

PATRONS

(Families Registered)	1,250	1,366	1,431
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HOLDINGS	16,136	15,829	16,462
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In accordance with the goals of the library to provide materials and opportunities for education and recreation the library sponsored two outstanding storytellers during the year. Both Steve Blunt and Jean Armstrong entertained audiences with high quality performances geared to adults as well as children. To highlight local artisans and promote appreciation and awareness of art in its many forms periodic exhibits have been on view throughout the past year. Hand hooked rugs and hangings comprised the first exhibit in the spring and early summer. Photography exhibits of the four seasons in New Hampshire were on display from late summer into the fall. An exhibit of traditional and contemporary quilts and assorted quilted items followed. At Christmas, 1940's era Christmas cards and ornaments were on display. The search is on for future exhibits. Contact the library if you have an idea for an exhibit. Personal collections of high quality such as antiques, art, sculpture, ceramics, photography, books and the like are also appropriate. You need not craft the items personally.

Holderness Central Schools' 5th and 6th grade Book Discussion Group met at the library for their final discussion at the end of June. The group included teachers and parents of the students.

Again this year, we request that book donations be saved until May for the Friend's annual sales. We no longer have storage room for donated materials in the basement.

Respectfully submitted
Suzanne Peoples
Library Director

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT-MINUTES

MARCH 9 & 10, 2004

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 9 and 10, 2004 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After reading Articles 1 and 2, the Moderator declared the polls open. At 7:00 p.m. the polls were closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed. Moderator Ross Deachman recognized Chairman Steven Huss to make an announcement to those assembled.

“If you don’t mind I would like to read this. The town of Holderness has lost a wonderful and dedicated man. Art Bartholomew, father, active citizen and friend passed away suddenly last night. The loss was a shock to us all. Art always lived life to the fullest whether following his children in their endeavors, his business activities with Hingham Mutual, his love of golf and skiing, his commitment to his community or with his tremendous ability to bring a smile to your face and laughter to your heart. I know I speak for all of you and the Board of Selectmen when I express our deepest sorrow for Art’s passing. I want to convey our most sincere sympathy to Art’s family, his wife Priscilla, his daughter Maggie, and his son Zach. Please join me for a moment of silence. Thank you”

Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Articles 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared the Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. The Moderator asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take up the articles one at a time. Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Barbara Currier	250
Peter Webster	247

Town Treasurer for 1 Year:

Michael O’Leary	258
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Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years:

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years:

Frances L.H. Taylor	82
Margaret R. Winton	189

Library Trustee for 1 Year Term:

Sandy Ray	258
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Library Trustees for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Susan Beeson 236

Amanda Loud 214

Fire Ward for 3 Years:

Earl Hansen 255

Article 2: To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

In order to better administer the National Flood Insurance Program the entire Floodplain Ordinance, as amended, shall be included and considered as part of the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance. (This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 247 No 32

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

Revise Definitions

Family - Change the number from 4 to 2 individuals not related by blood marriage or adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit.

Dwelling Unit – Include "adequate room for" sleeping facilities and "rental cottages" in the definition of Dwelling unit.

Recreation Facility – Commercial Low Impact – Include meeting facilities, arts, crafts, and theater activities as additional uses in this zone

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 214 No 66

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

Art. IV, V MORE THAN ONE DWELLING ON A LOT

For clarification purposes add the underlined wording.

If approved by the Planning Board a lot may have [more than one dwelling] up to two single family dwellings on it.

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 217 No 65

4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

To the Expansion of nonconforming structures section add the following underlined wording.

Expansion of existing structures either on a nonconforming lot or in the case where there are two or more dwellings on a lot may be approved by the Board of Selectmen on a case by case basis providing other requirements in this section are met and the spirit of this Ordinance is maintained. This authority may not be passed on to an assignee.

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 225 No 46

5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

To the following section concerning multiple dwellings on one lot add the underlined wording Article III, 6. Lot Area, #2

There must be at least 10,000 square feet of green space not including roads septic areas, and parking areas for every dwelling unit over two.

(This recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 230 No 50

6. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

To the following section concerning the River Corridor add the protective wording as proposed by the Planning Board similar to the shoreland protection wording.

Article II, D, 4 RIVER CORRIDOR

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 239 No 35

7. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

To Article VII ZBA Authority, add the following underlined wording;

E. The ZBA shall have the same authorities as granted to the Planning Board under RSA 673:16 and RSA 676:4, I (g) to collect fees from an applicant to cover expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 230 No 43

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,468. for renovations and improvements to the Town Hall, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to borrow by note up to the sum of \$142,851., to negotiate the rate of interest and other terms thereof, and to take such other action as is necessary, and to further authorize the transfer of \$7,778. from the Town Hall Reserve Fund, and to raise \$39,839. by

2004 general tax revenue for this project.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

(Note: This article must be acted upon by written ballot, the voting must be open for one hour, and to pass the article must receive a two-thirds majority of those voting).

Moved by Steve Huss and seconded by Peg Winton. A request was made to hear the presentation prepared by the members of the Town Hall Committee. Chairman Paul Montour recognized and thanked the committee members for all their efforts. Mr. Montour summarized the work of the committee over the past seven years. He outlined the proposed expenditures of the renovations.

The projected costs:

Electrical & Fire-	\$ 32,640.00
Bathrooms-	27,793.00
Interior-	24, 324.00
Exterior-	88,396.00
Contingency-	<u>17,315.00</u>
	190,468.00

Bob Bergeron questioned the need for an elevator or ramp. The Selectmen responded neither was required because there is already handicap access to both first and second floors. Joanna Tuveson questioned the cost of the exterior renovations and asked if there are cost efficient means of landscaping. Peg Winton answered for the committee that there are certain items such as lamp posts and benches for which funds could be solicited, and she hoped that the committee would only spend what it had to spend. Paul Montour added, "The agreement was to raise the money and then go to the program and if there other ways to raise money for such things as posts and benches then the cost would be deducted from the bill... and to date the committee has sold three benches."

The Moderator instructed the voters that this article must be acted upon by secret ballot and that the polls must remain open for one hour. The meeting will continue to address other articles excluding the budget Article 16. At 7:23 p.m. the Moderator declared polls opened and that they would remain open until 8:23 p.m. Balloting commenced.

The Moderator asked if there was any objection to proceed with the remaining articles excluding Article 16. No objection was made.

Moderator Deachman proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those residents that passed away during 2003.

The results of Article 3 are located on Page 11.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the March 12,

2003, Town Meeting, Article 3, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to borrow up to \$600,000. for the design and construction of the capping of the landfill and a new transfer station.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 6: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax, per RSA 72:39-b, to allow the elderly taxpayer who qualifies for the exemption to have an income of not more than \$20,000. (presently the limit is \$13,400) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$25,000. (presently the limit is \$20,400.); and own assets of not more than \$50,000. (presently the limit is \$35,000.).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked for clarification of the exemptions. Selectmen Huss responded that for ages 65-75 the exemption is \$ 10,000.00; for ages 75-80 the exemption is \$ 15,000.00; for age 80 and older the exemption is \$ 20,000.00. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14a which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, provided that the Selectmen first submit the proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation, and further provided that they first hold two public hearings on the proposal. Then Selectmen may proceed, provided that if 50 or more registered voters petition the Selectmen, the acquisition or sale shall not proceed until it is approved by the voters at town meeting.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. Earl Hansen asked whether the word "they" referred to the Selectmen. The Moderator responded yes. Janet Cocchiaro asked how the Selectmen would use the power. Selectmen Huss explained it would allow the Board to take advantage of opportunities that might arise during the year.

A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I, vesting in the Board of Selectmen the powers of a board of sewer commissioners under that chapter. Such powers shall extend to the area of Holderness served by the sewer system formerly operated by the Upper Holderness Sewer District, which has since been dissolved, and any additions thereto within the Town as authorized by the selectmen; and further to authorize the selectmen to accept a deed/bill of sale to any and all assets of the former sewer district.

Moved by Harold Maybeck and seconded by Fran Taylor. Peg Winton questioned if the sewer system belonged to Plymouth. Moderator responded that the system in question is located in Holderness.

Rollin Reynolds asked if there are costs. Selectman Sam Laverack responded that it is an "in and out" accounting function. The Plymouth Water and Sewer District bills the Town of Holderness which then bills the residents on North and South River Street. Earl Hansen spoke in opposition to the article. A voice vote was taken and the results were questioned. The Moderator was in doubt a division vote was requested. The article was **DEFEATED**.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to convey an easement with conditions to Jacob Dunnell, to permit his property to continue to draw water from a drilled well installed on the Holderness Free Public Library property.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked if the easement would lapse should the property be sold. The Selectmen answered yes. Eleanor Spencer questioned why the well is located on the Library property. Selectmen Peter Francesco responded that Mr. Dunnell had a well drilled and at a later date a survey was conducted for the Library which found that the well was located on the Library property. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,400. for updating the Master Plan, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$19,200. from the Master Plan Reserve Fund for this purpose, with the balance of \$9,200. to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. Harry Decker asked how the money would be used. Earl Hansen responded that it would be used for mapping and updating. Elizabeth Whitmore questioned when the master plan would be adopted. Earl Hansen responded at next year's Town meeting. Alden Van Sickle asked if this was required to be done. Moderator answered yes. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to rename the Safety Building Reserve Fund the Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund, said Fund to be used for future improvements to those properties, and to further raise and appropriate \$7,500. for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

(Requires two-thirds majority vote to pass).

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Lyle Thompson. Stephen Currier asked if the Town Hall was a municipal building. Moderator answered yes. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Grant Applications Expendable Reserve Fund to be used to match Federal or State grants which may be received, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend moneys from this fund, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000. for deposit into said fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Richard Mardin. Priscilla Farrell asked who would write the grant applications. Selectmen Huss answered it would depend on the grants. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase agreement for a new Police cruiser for the price of \$22,514. and to raise and appropriate \$11,500. for the first year payment on this lease/purchase. This lease/purchase contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Alden Van Sickel and seconded by Harold Maybeck. Rollin Reynolds questioned the increase in price of leasing over the past few years. Selectmen Huss responded that the Selectmen have established a level budget for leasing police vehicles.

A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,000.to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Public Works Vehicles	\$35,000.
Police Vehicles	1,000.
Fire Trucks	30,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Library	17,000.
Transfer Station	10,000.
Revaluation/assessing	15,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Conservation Commission	<u>5,000.</u>
	\$266,000.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. Harry Maybeck asked if \$1,000.00 was enough for the White Oak Dam. Selectman Huss responded that \$1,000.00 would be sufficient and town is working to build up this fund over a period of time. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$247,800. for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Public Works Vehicles	32,500.
Fire Equipment	4,300.
Library	36,000.
Revaluation/assessing	15,000.
Transfer Station	<u>10,000.</u>
	\$247,800.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor made a motion to pass over Article 16 until the results of the vote on Article 3 are known, seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and motion passed.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, seven hundred forty two thousand, five hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,742,515.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

The results of Article 16 are located on page 11.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 II & IV, "The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit on residential property and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$500.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

Moved by Harry Maybeck and seconded by Ed Swanson. Harry Maybeck presented a history of the Veteran's exemption since the 1860s and spoke in favor of this Article. Earl Hansen spoke in agreement with Mr. Maybeck on the need to increase the amount of the Veterans exemption but that the \$500.00 amount was too much. Mr. Hansen moved to amend the article to by changing the words "...to the maximum amount per state law \$500" to read "\$200.00". The amendment was seconded by Steve Huss. Mr. Huss added that this article as written would mean a \$65,000.00 increase to the tax payers. The amendment would phase this in over a period of years so that the tax payers can absorb this increase. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**.

A voice vote was taken on Article 17 and the article **PASSED, as amended**.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, "The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability" and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$2,000.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

Moved by Edward Ford and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29a, II, "The OPTIONAL Veterans Tax Credit on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed combat or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28 and to raise the exempted figure to the maximum amount per state law \$2,000.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

Moved by Edward Ford and seconded by Earl Hansen. Anne Hunnewell questioned the meaning of the tax credit. The Moderator answered that it was a dollar for dollar credit against your tax bill. Paul Buck asked what the current exemption was. Steve Huss responded that it is currently \$1,400.00. The Town Administrator added that currently there are 2 taxpayers who qualify under Article 18 and 0 taxpayers qualifying under Article 19. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to require the Selectmen to seek prior approval from a town meeting prior to the removal or sale of the historic woodstove that is in the meeting room of the town hall.

(Note: the above article was received by petition).

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. Gordon Loud asked whether there were plans to move the woodstove. The Selectmen answered that there are no plans to move or remove the woodstove but there is a plan to turn the stove to gain access to the proposed bathroom. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

At 8:23 p.m. the Moderator declared the polls closed on Article 3: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,468. for renovations and improvements to the Town Hall, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to borrow by note up to the sum of \$142,851., to negotiate the rate of interest and other terms thereof, and to take such other action as is necessary, and to further authorize the transfer of \$7,778. from the Town Hall Reserve Fund, and to raise \$39,839. by 2004 general tax revenue for this project.*

The Moderator asked Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and Earl Hansen to remove the ballot box and count the ballots. Following a five minute recess the results of the vote on Article 3 were 114 yes, 33 no. With more than the necessary a 2/3 majority, the Article 3 **PASSED**.

The Moderator then took up Article 16: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, seven hundred forty two thousand, five hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,742,515.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.*

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. There was no discussion on this article. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 21: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator recognized Sam Laverack.

Mr. Laverack thanked Georgene Fabian for her five years of service as Welfare Officer and recognized her compassion and accounting accuracy in the fulfillment of those duties.

Mr. Laverack recognized and thanked Roger Gage who has served the Town of Holderness in numerous positions for 25 years.

Mr. Laverack recognized Steve Huss, retiring Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Steve served as Selectman for nine years, the last six years as Chairman. Mr. Laverack credited Mr. Huss for bringing Holderness into compliance on most every accounting standard.

The Moderator recognized Laurance Beeson. Mr. Beeson asked whether the authority to look into the Town's contract to the Pemi-Baker School District is a matter for discussion at Town Meeting. The Moderator responded that it was his opinion that there is no authority at this meeting to do anything in respect to the agreement on the Plymouth Regional High School. The Selectmen do have the authority to investigate anything that affects the well-being of this community. He indicated that this issue might be a discussion that would be appropriate at the School District Meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, which has the responsibility of educating our students grade K-12. He ruled that any discussion on this subject was "inappropriate" at town meeting. There was no challenge to the ruling.

Earl Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lyle Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Town Clerk

HOLDERNESS PLANNING BOARD

2004 REPORT

This has not been a very active year for the Planning Board: A few subdivisions, several Site Plan Reviews, and some boundary line adjustments. Several of these were probably prompted by shorefront property owners trying to reduce their tax burden.

We received some wonderful maps of the Squam watershed, which covers most of the town. Dealing with most of the natural features of the area the maps will graphically allow us to visualize some of the areas we should be working with more such as protecting our aquifers and possible ways of interconnecting green areas for wildlife and human passage. These maps were done with a large coalition of contributors. They can be viewed upstairs in the Town hall.

We have signed an agreement with Lakes Region Planning Commission to, with our assistance, update our Master Plan. At this time we are hoping to have parts of it ready for public review this summer with hearings next winter and possible adoption at the 2006 Town meeting. Due to the updating of the Master Plan we have not placed any Ordinance revision proposals on the warrant this year. The Board got a big thanks from the Town Clerk for this.

The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month. These are open meetings with the public encouraged to attend. Notices of dates and agendas are posted at the Post Office, the Town Hall and on the Town website. Ordinances and regulations are also on the website or available at town hall. If you have a planning question please feel free to call any member of the Board or attend a Board meeting. If you would like an informational meeting with the Board please fill out and submit, to the Municipal Secretary, an informational form gotten either from the town hall or on the town website.

Respectfully submitted
Earl Hansen, Chairman
Holderness Planning Board

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2004 REPORT

The year 2004 brought many changes to the Holderness Police Department, the biggest of which was in personnel. In May, we hired Officer Erik DiFilippe. Erik was previously employed by the Town of Bristol as a full time officer since 2003. Erik is currently attending the 136th session of the full-time police academy in Concord. The twelve week long academy is required for full-time officers and requires him to live at the academy during the week, but allows him to return home on the weekends. He is scheduled to graduate on April 1, 2005. It is a pleasure to have him as a part of our team.

In July, Corporal Mark Nash accepted a position with the New Hampshire Division of Highway Patrol and Enforcement. Corporal Nash, a ten year veteran of the Department, accomplished more during his time here than most will accomplish in their entire career. Corporal Nash was named the State of New Hampshire's DARE Officer of the year in recognition of his eight years of drug awareness education to over two hundred fifth grade students at the Holderness Central School. I am pleased to report that Corporal Nash will continue to teach the DARE program to the fifth grade students at the Holderness Central School under the authority of the Division of Highway Patrol and Enforcement. Mark served the town well and touched many lives. We wish him well along with his wife Thea, son Logan and daughter Emily as he begins his new job with the State.



*DARE Officer
Mark Nash,
Highway Patrol
Enforcement*



*Patrol Officers
Eric DiFilippe (left) and
David Bourne (right)*

In December, we were pleased to welcome Officer David Bourne to our Department as a full-time police officer. David is a native of Holderness and will be an asset to our Department. David is currently attending the 243rd part time police academy in Concord and is scheduled to graduate in February. He will attend the full time police academy in January 2006. Before being hired he successfully completed an executive interview, background investigation, psychological screening and a polygraph examination.

Also this year, the police department benefited from \$9,200.00 in grant money. This money was received through the Homeland Security Grant Program. This money was used to purchase a Motorola digital base radio as well as a Motorola digital portable radio. These new radios give us the ability to communicate directly with the Fire Department and any police agency in the State of New Hampshire. I will continue to pursue grants that I feel will be beneficial to the Town and help adapt the Department to the changing environment around us.

In December, we received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through a grant from the Fire Service. The AED is a computerized medical device, which can check a

person's heart rhythm, recognize a rhythm that requires a shock, and advise the rescuer when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights, and text messages to tell the rescuer what steps to take.

We all strive to provide the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness with the highest quality of service as we explore new and more updated ways to keep our community a safe place to live.

Please join me in thanking each member of the Police Department for the tremendous and exhausting work that they do each and everyday.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Town Hall for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004 ACTIVITY

911 Hang-up	24	Liquor Law Violations	1
Abandoning A Vehicle	10	Lost Property	10
Alarm	82	Miscellaneous	68
Alcoholism	3	Misrepresentation Of Age	1
Animal Involved Incidents	35	Missing Persons	4
Armed Robbery	1	Misuse Of Power	2
Arrest On A Warrant	4	Motor Vehicle Accidents	53
Assist Other Departments	250	Motor Vehicle Lockout	8
Attempt To Locate	1	Motor Vehicle Citations/Warnings	903
Attempted Suicide	1	Negligent Homicide	1
Burglary	8	Noise Complaints	30
Citizen Request Assistance	113	Open/unsecure Door	35
Civil Matter	20	Open Container	2
Civil Standby	4	Paper Service/Relay	24
Conduct After An Accident	4	Parking Complaint	9
Cruelty To Animals	2	Police Information	47
Criminal Mischief	13	Police Report Of Acc. Required	6
Criminal Threatening	5	Poss./Use/Display False ID	2
Criminal Trespass	6	Receiving Stolen Property	2
Damaged Property	3	Reckless Operation	5
Deaths	2	Recovered Property	8
Directed Patrol	252	Registration Of Sex Offender	2
Disorderly Actions	5	Second Degree Assault	1
Dog A Menace/Nuisance/Vicious	8	Shots Fired	1
Dog At Large	40	Simple Assault	3
Dog Control Law	31	Suspicious Incident	36
Domestic Disturbance	13	Suspicious Person	20
Driving After Revoc. Or Susp.	3	Suspicious Vehicle	23
Driving Without Given Proof	4	Theft; All Other	5
Driving Without Valid License	2	Theft; By Deception	2
Dwi	1	Theft; From A Building	4
Felonious Sexual Assault	2	Theft; From A Motor Vehicle	6
Fingerprints - Job Applications	25	Theft Of Services	2
Found Property	14	Theft By Unauthorized Taking	2
Fraudulent Use Of Credit Card	3	Traffic Control	83
Gas Drive Off	46	Transporting Alcohol By Juv	1
Habitual Offender	2	Unlawful Poss. Of Alcohol	1
Harassment	6	Vin Verification	10
Issuing Bad Checks	2	Violation Of Protective Order	3
Juvenile Offenses	2	Welfare Check	13

Total = 2,491

HOLDERNESS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2004 REPORT



*DPW Staff Left to Right: David Goodwin, Dennis Hughes,
Robert Potter (Foreman), Peter Furmanick (Director)*

After all the snow had left in the spring, the highway department began its year with the Town Hall project. This project required us to remove the small driveway between the lower parking lot and the upper parking lot. After this was done we began to remove fill and shape the parking lot to what you see today. Our primary job was to remove all the extra material and rough shape the area around the Town Hall. Most of the excavated material was used for improvements at the Holderness Transfer Station. Some of this material also made it to the Town beach to repair the parking lot. During this process, we dug trenches for the underground electricity, cable, and phone. We also dug a trench in the back of the town hall for the replacement oil lines and new underground electricity, which go into the carriage shed. More of our involvement also included moving shrubs, removing the old granite steps, and digging for the cement footings for the placement of the new upper entrance. Paul Montour, Town Hall Committee Chairman, was the Clerk of the Works. It was a pleasure working with Paul, and the Town Hall Committee.

The rest of the work was done by a contractor, CCI Corporation of Laconia, NH, who submitted the low bid on this project. This contractor was responsible for all of the finish work and all sub-contractor work.

After the Town Hall Project, the Highway Department was involved in the improvements at The Holderness Transfer Station.

Our major road projects for 2004 were the paving of Lane Road and Livermore Street; reconstructing Owl Brook Road and a portion of Shepard Hill; and the final coat of paving on Prospect Ridge Road.

All of the Town Road Signs, including the name changes recommended by 911, are now in place.

Our roadside mowing again was provided by Ashland Highway Department. They

brought over their tractor and operator. In return, the Town of Holderness did some of their shoulder work, with our new Peterbilt truck, and our operator. We used a chute and deposited gravel along the edge of their new pavement. They supplied their own gravel. I wish to thank Mark Ober for continuing this relationship between our Towns.

Again the Plymouth Highway Department swept downtown Holderness with their street sweeper before Memorial Day. This allowed us to paint our crosswalks and parking areas before the holiday. In return, Plymouth borrowed our tow behind broom for some of their back road sweeping. Thanks again to Jim Boucher, Chris McCormack, Joe Fagnant, and the crew of the Plymouth Highway Department.

In March of 2004 the Highway Department purchased a new 2004 Ford F-350. This truck replaces our 1993 Ford F-250. The low bid for this new truck was Meredith Ford. Our salesman, Todd Lambert did a great job on pricing this truck. The 1993 Ford almost made it until the replacement arrived. This truck took its last breath in February about one month too soon.



2004 Peterbilt Dump Truck

Our new Peterbilt truck worked out great this past winter. With the power angle plow, this truck proved to be a very effective “snow fighting vehicle.”

On October 15th, 2004, Stuart Sherburne retired. There was a reception at the Town Hall for him. His wisdom, knowledge and skills will be deeply missed. We all here at the highway department, wish him well.

I am very proud to have the dedicated crew that I have. It is a real pleasure to work with them. I wish to thank Bob Potter, Stuart Sherburne, and Dennis Hughes for their commitment to this department, as well as their families, for supporting all their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick

HOLDERNESS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2004 REPORT

This has been a year of some significant challenges for all of us involved with Holderness Recreation, but we head into 2005 with renewed energy and plans to make this year an exciting turn-around.

After giving almost seven years of dynamic leadership Kay Hanson resigned as Director of Holderness Recreation in September. Although the position of Director is listed as part-time, Kay provided the energy and enthusiasm of a full-time employee. Whether it was an early morning exercise program or Day Camp, Kay made sure that each program had all the support it needed. Kay's commitment to her responsibilities was without question and she loved developing programs with which the Holderness residents would get involved. It was, then, with much regret that the Board accepted her resignation and began the search for her replacement. The Board and those of us that have taken advantage of the many Holderness Recreation programs are extremely appreciative of Kay's service to the Town.



*Recreation Director
Wendy Werner*

In October the Board began its search for a new director and after a brief search we have indeed been fortunate to have hired Wendy Werner. She received her BS in Recreation Management from the University of New Hampshire and recently moved to the area. Wendy brings to Holderness Recreation a number of years of part-time and full-time work with recreation programs. We welcome Wendy and look forward to sharing the growth of Holderness Recreation with her.

In addition to the challenge of changing our director Holderness Recreation wrestled with lower than expected census with our Day Camp. For the second year in a row the numbers of campers were down. In previous years we filled our camper positions in early June and worked from a wait list, but this has not been the case in 2003 and 2004. This problem presents a real challenge with meeting budget and hiring staff. We have been fortunate to have a fine staff and we hope that we can make our 2005 summer Day Camp a success in all ways. If you know of a youngster that would enjoy a variety of activities during the summer please get in contact with Wendy about particulars. There will be some new dimensions to the Day Camp program this summer so be sure to ask about them in April when applications will be available.

Holderness Recreation maintains a separate account in which we can accept monetary donations for program scholarships, equipment and special programming. This past year generous financial donations from a number of local families, HCS Parent Association, The Masons, Holderness Fire Department, and Camp Deerwood made it possible to grant 18 two-week scholarships to our Day Camp and a other program scholarships. We very much appreciate these donations. Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund is encouraged to contact us

A special thank you to Camp Deerwood for providing CPR training to all of the Day Camp Staff and to the Beach Attendants, and to the administration, faculty and staff of Holderness Central School for their on-going and valuable support.

If you would like help initiating a program or have any ideas for programs, please contact us. We look forward to your participation in our year 2005 programs.

Contact us @ 968-3700
holdrec@adelphia.net
www.holderness-nh.gov

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Sam Laverack (Selectman Liason)
Peter Durnan
Jay Fogarty
Wendy Mersch
Janis Messier
Marty Riehs
Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – MS-61

DECEMBER 31, 2004

DEBIT	2004	2003
Uncollected Taxes: December 31, 2003		
Property Taxes:		\$ 307,221.99
Sewer Rents:		69.00
Betterment Assessment:		2,794.49
 Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 7,658,031.00	
Yield Taxes:	12,081.28	
Betterment Assessment:	17,568.00	
Land Use Change Tax:	24,530.00	
 Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes.	18,101.00	2,972.00
Sewer Taxes:		1,305.00
 Overpayments:		
Property Taxes:	9,399.58	100.33
 Interest on Delinquent Taxes:		
Property Tax	2,976.83	16,059.90
Yield Tax:	17.35	
Sewer Tax:		77.32
Betterment Assessment:	16.68	151.34
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	\$ 7,742,721.72	\$ 330,751.37
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — MS-61

DECEMBER 31, 2004

CREDIT	2004	2003
Property Taxes:	\$ 7,261,632.51	\$ 177,552.08
Sewer:		1,240.86
Yield Taxes:	11,779.31	
Betterment Assessment:	15,380.45	2,321.49
Land Use Change Tax:	24,530.00	
Fall Sewer Tax: Prepay. 2003		81.64
Property Tax: Prepay. 2003	1,632.75	
Interest/Penalties:		
Property Taxes:	2,976.83	16,059.90
Yield:	17.35	
Sewer:		77.32
Betterment:	16.68	151.34
Refund: Prepayment	(392.00)	
Overpayments:	9,399.58	100.33
Converted to Tax Lien:		98,838.81
Abatements:		
Property Taxes:	56,650.00	34,327.60
Yield:	301.97	
Uncollected Taxes: December 31, 2004		
Property Taxes:	\$ 356,498.74	
Betterment Assessment:	2,297.55	
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	\$ 7,742,721.72	\$ 330,751.37
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

DECEMBER 31, 2004

DEBIT

	2003	2002	2001
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2003		\$ 64,026.08 2,237.98	\$ 28,156.73
Tax Lien of:	\$108,264.79 124.75		
Interest collected after Lien:	1,115.65	4,281.77	10,130.81
	<u>\$ 109,505.19</u>	<u>\$ 70,545.83</u>	<u>\$ 38,287.54</u>
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CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions:	\$ 18,350.84	\$ 22,240.88	\$ 28,156.73
Interest after Lien:	1,115.65	4,281.77	10,130.81
Unredeemed Taxes:December 31, 2004:	\$ 90,038.70	\$ 44,023.18	\$ __0__
	<u>\$ 109,505.19</u>	<u>\$ 70,545.83</u>	<u>\$ 38,287.54</u>
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TAX RATE CALCULATION 2004

TOWN PORTION

APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,499,183
LESS: REVENUES	1,247,117
SHARED REVENUES	4,919
ADD: OVERLAY	121,631
WAR SVC CREDITS	29,400
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>1,398,178</u>
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	<u>2.44</u>

SCHOOL PORTION

NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	3,231,562
REGNL SCHOOL APPRTMNT	2,123,390
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	
STATE EDUC TAXES	(1,204,806)
APPRVD SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	<u>4,150,146</u>
LOCAL EDUC TAX RATE	<u>7.28</u>
STATE EDUCATION REQUIRE	<u>1,273,626</u>

STATE TAX RATE	<u>2.25</u>
EXCESS REMIT TO STATE	68,820

COUNTY PORTION

DUE TO COUNTY	845,701
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	2,761
APPRVD COUNTY TAX EFFORT	<u>842,940</u>
COUNTY TAX RATE	<u>1.48</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE	<u>13.45</u>
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TOTAL PROP TAX ASSESSED	7,664,890
LESS: WAR SVCS CREDITS	29,400
TOTAL PROP TAX COMMITTMNT	<u>7,635,490</u>

PROOF OF RATE

STATE EDUC VALUATION	567,104,692
OTHER VALUATION	570,437,892
STATE TAX RATE	2.25
ALL OTHER TAX RATE	<u>11.20</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	13.45
STATE ASSESSMENT	1,273,626
ALL OTHER ASSESSMENT	<u>6,391,264</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	7,664,890
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	572,674
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	-
FUND BALANCE USED	136,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$-

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK REMITTED TO THE TREASURER, 2004

Motor Vehicle	\$ 380,713.00
Dog Licenses	2,572.50
Marriage Licenses.....	1,298.00
Vital Fees	192.00
Filing Fees	10.50
Transfer Station Fees	24,569.66
Beach Permits	2,120.00
Wetlands	46.00
UCC's	567.37
Miscellaneous	95.00
Overpayments: refunds.....	337.05
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Total:	\$ 412,521.08

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

2004 REPORT

This was the year of the long awaited construction at the Town Hall. Last year at our town meeting, the people voted to appropriate \$195,000 to renovate the Town Hall. The project consisted of renovations as well as updating and state code violations that we may have had. Construction began on April 15, 2004. The contractor that we selected was CCI out of Plymouth, NH. Overall the construction was timely and the quality of work was outstanding. Both the general contractor and the sub contractors did a wonderful job and were happy to be a part of the project. The finished product which was unveiled to the people of Holderness in October was overwhelmingly accepted by all. We all now have a Town Hall that we can be very proud of and it creates a positive work environment for all of our town employees.

The Town Hall Committee was a pleasure to work with. I had their total support and commitment throughout the project and I thank them for that. The Selectmen were also fantastic to work with, without their help the project would have never been on time and under budget. Paul Weston and the Town Employees were also a big part of the success of the committee and the final product and I would like to thank them as well. It was a joy to work on this project as the Chairman of the Building Committee and Clerk of the Works.

I would lastly like to thank the people of Holderness for the opportunity to work on the Town Hall project. I look forward to next year's project.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Montour, Chairman
Margaret Winton
Alden Van Sickle
Steve Szabadicz
Ward D'Elia
Paul Buck
Barbara Currier, Selectmen's Liaison

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT 2004

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford	
1952 Willis Jeep	
1962 Willis Jeep	
1997 Ford Expedition	
1985 Mack Fire Truck	12T5
1988 Ford Rescue	12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck	12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck	12E4
18' Boston Whaler Boat	12B1

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

1976 Aztex Fire Boat
1979 Dunbarton Cascade Trailer
1981 Boat Trailer
2002 Yacht Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2004 Peterbilt – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body)
2004 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander – plow)
1999 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander – plow)
1998 Ford/Sterling LN8501 – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body)
1997 Caterpillar Backhoe
1994 Galion Grader

EQUIPMENT

1988 York Rake
1988 Road Broom

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2000 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #1
2004 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #2
2003 Ford Expedition - Unit #3

SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY 2004

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
229-25	Holderness Central School	\$143,100	\$3,542,500	\$3,685,600
228-79	HCS Storage Building	76,000	257,300	333,300
225-16	Pemi River Park Lot	45,000		45,000
231-3	Route 113	25,000		25,000
239-1	Town Hall	34,600	271,600	306,200
222-15	Town Forest Lot	109,500		109,500
222-15	Public Works Garage.		231,500	231,500
101-19	Library	294,800	192,000	486,800
223-11	Pilote Conservation Lot	456,400		456,400
245-65	Transfer Station	22,500	4,300	26,800
224-1	Smith Road Lot	50,800		50,800
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam	32,100		32,100
101-8	Fire/Police Station	117,000	728,700	845,700
239-42	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	31,000		31,000
252-16-1	East Holderness Road	100,000		100,000

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

NAME	MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION/LOCATION
East Holderness	259-9	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd west of Vontel Rd
Cox	255-3	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-11	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-21	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-10	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228-	Hardhack Road
Todd	205-	Rt 113
Sanborn`	222-22	Old Highway South
Prescott	231-	Old Highway South

HOLDERNESS TRANSFER STATION

2004 REPORT

Dump Hours Effective June 16, 2003

Monday	8:00 am to 4 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8:00 am to 4 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 am to 4 pm
Saturday	8:00 am to 4 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm to 4 pm

Again this year, the transfer station focused on ways of improving its operation, and cutting costs.

This year we removed the old telephone pole retaining walls, which were falling into the containers, and replaced them with a cement block retaining wall. We moved this wall out to increase more space for the facility, particularly the recycling portion of it. To finish the retaining wall, a wooden railing was added to the top of it. This railing protects the users of this facility from falling into or between the containers. This expansion allowed us to more efficiently place our containers, so that it is now easier and quicker for the users of this facility to separate, and place into the proper containers their recycled items. We then added a new open top container for cardboard. This open top container is serviced by the same company that purchases our paper products, Empire Scrap out of Massachusetts. When this company picks up our paper, they also pick up our cardboard at the same time. This way they transport two containers, and charge us for only one haul fee. Before we changed to an open top cardboard container, we were not receiving any money for the cardboard.

The paper container was moved onto the side of the facility that has the recycling containers. It makes it easier to recycle when all of the containers are placed nearby each other.

All of the sub-surface gravel was the surplus material that was taken from the Town Hall project. We hauled it to the transfer station and stockpiled it until we were done at the Town Hall. After we finished our part at the Town Hall, we worked here at the Transfer Station.

Please remember that we cannot accept paint, stains, thinners, or other chemicals during the year. We can only accept them at Household Hazardous Waste Day. Please keep all of your chemicals until then, and bring them, at that time to the designated Collection site. If you need immediate disposal, please contact the Town Transfer Station or Highway Department for alternative options. These options will require a fee, but they are available.

We have containers for the following items. Some items require a disposal fee. See our fee schedule which is available on-line at:

www.holderness-nh.gov

**All items that require a disposal fee,
must be paid for at the time of disposal**

Metal Containers:

For metal products – scrap metal – NO ITEMS WITH GLASS – NO GAS CANS-
NO TANKS – NO BARRELS- NO PAINT CANS

Aluminum Containers:

For waste aluminum – copper – brass – NO ITEMS WITH GLASS

Cardboard Containers:

For cardboard – cardboard products – NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM

Paper Container:

For all types of paper products – books, magazines, junk-mail, newspaper, light cardboard, office paper, anything paper that tears – NO PLASTIC BAGS. Protect your privacy; don't throw away anything with your personal information on it.

Aluminum Cans:

For aluminum cans only – NO BAGS OR BOXES

Deposit Bottles:

For deposit bottles only – NO BAGS OR BOXES

Co-mingle Container:

For non deposit plastic and glass bottles, tin cans, jars, recyclable plastic, NO PAINT CANS – NO GAS CANS

Construction Debris:

For disposal of all non-hazardous construction waste. NO CARDBOARD

Compactor:

For disposal of all non recyclable household waste. Do not put any hazardous chemicals, plastic bottles, glass bottles, glass containers, tin cans, paper, books, aluminum cans, metal, scrap aluminum, paper or cardboard into this container.

Propane tanks:

See attendant for storage area

We cannot accept tanks, barrels, containers, or any other type of storage that contains any unacceptable fluid.

We will accept any used motor oil, transmission fluid, fuel oils, and small amounts of gasoline, provided they are not contaminated and are in closed containers.

Each year we try to continue to offer the same service to the Towns people, while trying to reduce the costs associated with disposal. It has been with the help of ALL OF YOU, that we are able to do this. If each person helps, and recycles, we can and will continue to reduce costs.

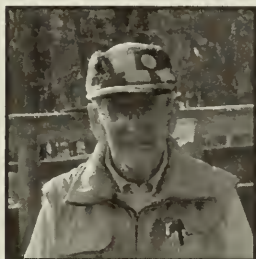
If you have a trash collector who picks up trash at your house, insist that they put your recyclables into the proper containers at the facility. If they don't recycle, find a trash hauler that does.

This year has shown a tremendous improvement in recycling. Our co-mingle container fills up over and over. This means that we are recycling more and more. More aluminum cans are finding their way into our aluminum can container. Paper and cardboard are filling over and over...All of our efforts and all of your efforts are really paying off. The more we recycle, the lower the disposal costs.

Please remember...If you are not recycling, you are throwing it all away. The term AWAY, just means it is going somewhere else. It never just goes away. Please recycle.

Ernest Brown, Gary Moulton, and Scott Davis all continue to do a great job at running this facility. My thanks go out to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick



*Ernest Brown,
Transfer Station Lead Attendant*

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2004

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2004 \$2,643,245.09

Receipts:

Property Taxes	\$7,707,673.91
All Other	1,096,025.91

Total	8,803,699.82
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Disbursements:

School	5,415,427.00
County	845,701.00
Operations-Wages	647,117.09
Operations-Other	1,857,336.33

Total	8,765,581.42
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Balance on hand as of December 31, 2004	\$2,681,363.49
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Proof of Balance:

Meredith Village Savings Bank - General Acct	\$55,502.92
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Payroll Acct	147.61
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Investment Acct	2,624,187.91
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Conservation Fund	1,422.70
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Trust Acct	102.35

Total	\$2,681,363.49
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This summary of receipts and disbursements is prepared using cash basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,
Micahel O'Leary
Town Treasurer

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MARCH 8 & 9, 2005

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the first Article herein; the second and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the ninth day of March, 2005, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Town Clerk	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of Checklist	1 Year Term

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I, vesting in the Board of Selectmen the powers of a board of sewer commissioners under that chapter. Such powers shall extend to the area of Holderness served by the sewer system formerly operated by the Upper Holderness Sewer District, which has since been dissolved, and any additions thereto within the Town as authorized by the selectmen; and further to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept a deed/bill of sale to any and all assets of the former sewer district.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:28 II & IV, (Veterans Tax Credit on residential property), to increase the annual property tax credit from \$200. to \$300.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,500. to be placed into the Library Capital Reserve Fund, said money to begin the planning and design of a future expansion to the Holderness Free Library and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund when requested by the Library Trustees.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will rescind that part of its vote on article 7 at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting which approved the automatic transfer of the first \$5,000. of Land Use Change Tax revenues into the Conservation Fund. Instead, henceforth disposition of all Land Use Change Tax funds received and deposited into the Land use Change Tax Fund will be determined by specific vote at the following year's annual meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve transferring \$5,000. from the Land Use Change Tax Fund to the Conservation Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, per RSA 231:43, a section of the old Holderness – Plymouth Road on the present Holderness School campus beginning at the four way stop intersection with South Campus Road, westerly along a portion of Chapel Lane, and then northerly to a point adjacent to the south side of State Route 175A, said discontinuance to extinguish all right of public easement; and further to authorize the Selectmen to provide a deed without covenants to the School, to confirm that the Town has no remaining interest in the road.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen per the requirements of RSA 289:6.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase for a new Police cruiser for the price of \$22,609. and to raise and appropriate \$12,000. for the first year payment on this lease/purchase. This lease purchase contains a non-appropriation clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to close out the Town Hall Reserve Fund and to transfer the balance within said Reserve Fund to the General Fund.

(Takes two-thirds majority vote to pass; balance in the Fund as of 1/1/05: \$22.00)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$301,150. to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$55,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Library	16,150.
Municipal Buildings	2,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Village Sidewalk	25,000.
Honor Roll	5,000.
Public Works Vehicles	35,000.
Master Plan	5,000.
Grant Applications	5,000.
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	\$301,150.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$275,000. for the purchase of a new fire truck and to fund said appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw said funds from the Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicles Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a paved sidewalk within Holderness Village on the south side of Route 3 from Squam Boat Livery, Inc. (Tax Map 101, Lot 23) to the Golden Pond Country Store (Tax Map 102, Lot 47), authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Transportation Enhancement Project Agreement with the NH Department of Transportation to procure Federal Highway funds for said project, raise and appropriate up to a total of \$360,000. for said project, and to authorize the funding of that appropriation by withdrawing \$72,000. from the Village Sidewalk Reserve Fund, and \$288,000. coming from the Federal/State Project funds.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$236,150. for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000.
Library	16,150.
Public Works Vehicle	65,000.
Master Plan	5,000.
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	\$236,150.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

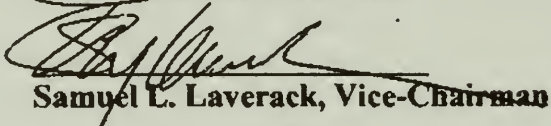
Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred sixty five thousand nine dollars (\$1,865,009.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

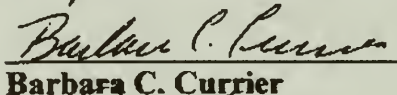
Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

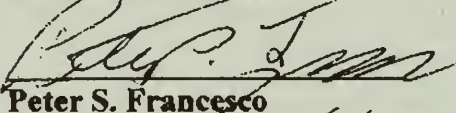
Article 17: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

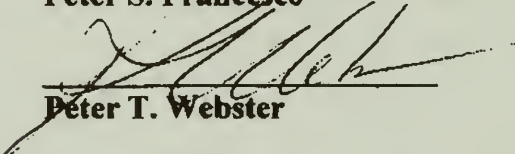
Given under our hands this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.


Steven L. Huss, Chairman


Samuel L. Laverack, Vice-Chairman


Barbara C. Currier


Peter S. Francesco


Peter T. Webster

Cumulative Appropriations

Article	Amount	Purpose
5	\$12,500.	Planning for Library Expansion
7	5,000.	Transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Fund to the Conservation Commission Reserve Fund
10	12,000.	Cruiser Lease (first year)
12	301,150.	To Capital Reserve Funds
13	275,000.	Purchase of a new Fire Truck
14	360,000.	Construction of a Village Sidewalk
15	236,150.	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$1,201,800.	
16	\$1,865,009.	Net Remaining Budget
	\$3,066,809.	Proposed Gross Budget

BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2005

Source Of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	5,000	20,550	15,550
YIELD TAXES	10,000	12,081	10,550
IN LIEU OF TAXES	4,000	41,805	28,000
BOAT TAX	7,500	7,563	7,500
INTEREST & PENALTIES	20,000	38,811	35,000
TOTAL	46,500	120,810	96,600
BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	4,000	7,494	6,500
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	500	570	500
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	325,000	380,930	335,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	5,500	5,694	5,500
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
DOG LICENSES	2,600	2,536	2,500
MARRIAGE LICENSE	800	898	800
COPY FEES	2,000	2,435	2,000
VITAL RECORDS	200	205	200
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	500	683	500
SUB TOTAL	6,100	6,757	6,000
TOTAL	341,100	401,445	353,500
STATE & FEDERAL			
VILLAGE SIDEWALK GRANT			288,000
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT	8,430	16,860	9,180
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	58,632	58,632	62,771
ROOM AND MEALS	58,899	66,651	66,651
OTHER GRANTS	2,500	18,596	7,070
TOTAL	128,461	160,739	433,672

BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2005

Source Of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			
POLICE INCOME	8,400	2,018	2,500
POLICE INCOME-DETAILS	5,000	7,787	36,185
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	21,492	14,059	21,492
BEACH INCOME	2,300	2,110	2,300
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	18,000	30,145	21,000
PLANNING INCOME	3,000	3,357	2,000
ZONING INCOME	1,000	715	800
FIRE INCOME	350	1,664	500
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SUB TOTAL	59,542	61,855	86,777
SEWER USE CHARGES	5,000	0	4,000
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TOTAL	64,542	61,855	90,777
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OTHER INCOME			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	17,500	17,568	17,500
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY		3,550	
INTEREST-CHECKING & SAVING	100	120	100
INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	9,000	11,146	10,000
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	3,193	1,927	1,000
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	18,100	15,548	15,100
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	2,500	2,270	2,500
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	274,778	254,157	607,650
LONG-TERM NOTE	142,851	142,851	
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TOTAL	468,022	449,137	653,850
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TOTAL	1,048,625	1,193,986	1,628,399
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BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2005

Purpose Of Appropriation (Rsa 32:3,V)	Actual Appropriations Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures For Prior Year	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee Recommendation Ensuing Fiscal Year
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXECUTIVE	91,989	93,004	102,580	102,580
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITALS	49,346	50,906	47,417	47,417
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	92,388	89,082	74,354	74,354
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	15,000	17,234	35,000	35,000
LEGAL EXPENSE	25,000	16,892	25,000	25,000
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	239,223	214,390	247,788	247,788
PLANNING/ZONING	12,318	6,149	10,518	10,518
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	14,350	9,883	29,368	29,368
CEMETERIES	3,845	2,078	3,845	3,845
OTHER INSURANCE	29,500	24,594	29,500	29,500
PUBLIC SAFETY				
POLICE	343,156	309,471	357,684	357,684
AMBULANCE	24,173	24,173	27,182	27,182
FIRE	101,114	101,860	122,779	122,779
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	1,400	800	1,400	1,400
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	240,146	202,923	237,196	237,196
STREET LIGHTING	4,800	3,869	4,000	4,000
SANITATION				
SANITATION	187,123	181,024	189,239	189,239
SEWER	5,000	675	4,000	4,000
HEALTH/WELFARE				
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	27,085	27,167	27,277	27,277
ANIMAL CONTROL	2,000	2,000	2,300	2,300
PUBLIC SERVICE	18,220	17,754	18,720	18,720
WELFARE	27,000	17,009	18,000	18,000
CULTURE/RECREATION				
PARKS AND RECREATION	39,256	28,240	39,630	39,630
BEACH	7,025	6,762	7,025	7,025
LIBRARY	44,739	45,162	47,131	47,131
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	1,200	806	1,200	1,200
CONSERVATION				
DEBT SERVICE	3,080	473	2,950	2,950
	93,039	93,039	139,426	139,426

BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2005

Purpose Of Appropriation (Rsa 32:3,V)	Actual Appropriations Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures For Prior Year	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee Recommendation Ensuing Fiscal Year
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES			275,000	275,000
TRANSFER STATION	10,000	10,000		
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
TOWN OFFICE	7,778	7,778		
TOWN OFFICE	182,690	184,858		
POLICE CRUISER	11,500	9,089	12,000	12,000
LIBRARY	36,000	32,373	16,150	16,150
LIBRARY			12,500	12,500
REVALUATION	15,000	14,566		
FIRE EQUIPMENT	4300	4255		
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS			72,000	72,000
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS			288,000	288,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	32,500	30,657	65,000	65,000
MASTER PLAN	19,200	3,758	5,000	5,000
MASTER PLAN	9,200			
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	30,000	30,000	55,000	55,000
TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL	10,000	10,000		
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER	1,000	1,000		
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY	17,000	17,000	28,650	28,650
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	7,500	7,500	2,000	2,000
REVALUATION	15,000	15,000		
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS	0	0	25,000	25,000
HONOR ROLL			5,000	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
MASTER PLAN	0	0	5,000	5,000
GRANT APPLICATIONS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,499,183	2,313,253	3,066,809	3,066,809
NET APPROPRIATION	2,224,405	2,059,866	2,459,159	2,459,159

NOTE: NET APPROPRIATION EQUALS TOTAL APPROPRIATION LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

CEMETERY FUNDS:

Beginning Balance	\$11,896.42
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	117.53
Ending Balance	\$12,013.95

POLICE CRUISER:

Beginning Balance	\$13,546.96
Contributions	1,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	139.19
Ending Balance	\$14,686.15

FIRE TRUCK:

Beginning Balance	\$189,645.68
Contributions	30,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	2,036.17
Ending Balance	\$221,681.85

WHITE OAK POND FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$3,065.45
Contributions	1,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	35.82
Ending Balance	\$4,101.27

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance	\$21,130.48
Contributions	10,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	236.36
Ending Balance	\$31,366.84

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS:

Beginning Balance	\$7,778.95
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	7,778.00
Interest Earned	20.81
Ending Balance	\$21.76

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$16,639.56
Contributions	150,000.00
Withdrawals	150,000.00
Interest Earned	569.57
Ending Balance	\$17,209.13

TRANSEER STATION:

Beginning Balance	\$397.36
Contributions	10,000.00
Withdrawals	10,000.00
Interest Earned	54.26
Ending Balance	\$451.62

SEWER CONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$7,475.82
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	770.22
Interest Earned	71.61
Ending Balance	\$6,777.21

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	
Interest Earned	26.95
Ending Balance	\$5,026.95

FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$10,651.50
Contributions	1,664.25
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	105.46
Ending Balance	\$12,421.21

FLOOD EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$14,477.23
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	143.12
Ending Balance	\$14,620.35

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$15,485.83
Contributions	20,863.38
Withdrawals	32,373.10
Interest Earned	222.67
Ending Balance	\$4,198.78

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND

Beginning Balance	\$3,904.76
Contributions	7,500.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	78.92
Ending Balance	\$11,483.68

TOWN REVALUATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	15,000.00
Withdrawals	7,290.60
Interest Earned	59.18
Ending Balance	\$7,768.58

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$6,028.43
Contributions	2,000.00
Withdrawals	4,255.00
Interest Earned	68.70
Ending Balance	\$3,842.13

VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$47,517.31
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	469.66
Ending Balance	\$47,986.97

HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$5,764.61
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	57.02
Ending Balance	\$5,821.63

PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE:

Beginning Balance	\$68,241.82
Contributions	35,000.00
Withdrawals	30,657.48
Interest Earned	642.85
Ending Balance	\$73,227.19

TAX MAP UPDATE FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	-
Ending Balance	\$-

MASTER PLAN

Beginning Balance	\$19,228.75
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	3,757.89
Interest Earned	176.63
Ending Balance	\$15,647.49

RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE

Beginning Balance	\$19,778.98
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	195.56
Ending Balance	\$19,974.54

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$35,862.67
Contributions	7,500.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	378.62
Ending Balance	\$43,741.29

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY

Beginning Balance	\$-
Contributions	\$10,000.00
Withdrawals	\$-
Interest Earned	\$32.05
Ending Balance	\$10,032.05

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL
LAND PURCHASE FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$103,920.03
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	1,027.20
Ending Balance	\$104,947.23

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Beginning Balance	\$1,436.26
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	14.76
Ending Balance	\$1,451.02

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$1,369.14
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	13.61
Ending Balance	\$1,382.75

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
SPANISH CLUB:

Beginning Balance	\$1,863.33
Contributions	200.00
Withdrawals	200.00
Interest Earned	18.75
Ending Balance	\$1,882.08

FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$2,599.26
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	100.00
Interest Earned	24.78
Ending Balance	\$2,524.04

ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$33,406.33
Contributions	300.00
Withdrawals	1,700.00
Interest Earned	316.99
Ending Balance	\$32,323.32
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$10,029.05
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	99.18
Ending Balance	\$10,128.23
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$20,099.92
Contributions	5,025.00
Withdrawals	279.00
Interest Earned	212.99
Ending Balance	\$25,058.91
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,015.46
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	41.00
Interest Earned	29.68
Ending Balance	\$3,004.14
ASH SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,460.63
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	68.00
Interest Earned	33.93
Ending Balance	\$3,426.56
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$582.37
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	5.60
Ending Balance	\$587.97
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$1,255.01
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	11.92
Ending Balance	\$1,266.93
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$9,198.26
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	150.00
Interest Earned	89.50
Ending Balance	\$9,137.76

BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP:		
Beginning Balance	\$9,158.76	
Contributions	-	
Withdrawals	200.00	
Interest Earned	88.62	
Ending Balance	\$9,047.38	
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP:		
Beginning Balance	\$5,761.13	
Contributions	4,235.13	
Withdrawals	3,300.00	
Interest Earned	61.83	
Ending Balance	\$6,758.09	
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP		
Beginning Balance	\$-	
Contributions	13,110.66	
Withdrawals	-	
Interest Earned	87.23	
Ending Balance	\$13,197.89	
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU		
Beginning Balance	\$2,405.60	
Contributions	-	
Withdrawals	-	
Interest Earned	23.64	
Ending Balance	\$2,429.24	
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR		
Beginning Balance	\$39,902.94	
Contributions	-	
Withdrawals	1,000.00	
Interest Earned	391.69	
Ending Balance	\$39,294.63	
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP		
Beginning Balance	\$6,225.28	
Contributions	-	
Withdrawals	200.00	
Interest Earned	59.77	
Ending Balance	\$6,085.05	
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS		\$530,329.28
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS		158,720.57
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS		2,833.77
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS		166,152.22
GRAND TOTAL		\$858,035.84

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of the Trust Funds
Maurice Lafreniere, Chairman
Anthony Raymond
Michael Barney

BIRTHS – 2004

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
January 14	Benjamin Riley Spence	Laconia, NH	Jon Spence	Tina Spence
January 19	Benjamin Wright Lyons	Concord, NH	Timothy Lyons	Brenda Lyons
January 21	Winter Hawk Cummings	Holderness, NH	Howard Ames	Valerie Cummings
February 2	Levi Richard Royea Sanborn	Laconia, NH	Bruce Sanborn	Jaimie Royea
February 4	Dawson Sharpe	Laconia, NH	Eric Sharpe	Monetta Wyman
February 11	Morgan Riley Zimmer	Laconia, NH	Jeffrey Zimmer	Terri Stevens
May 28	Isabelle Anne Beaudrie	Plymouth, NH	Brian Beaudrie	Barbara Beaudrie
June 17	Brianna Adele Boden	Plymouth, NH	Derrick Boden	Stephanie Boden
July 20	Livia Rose Barclay	Plymouth, NH	Jeffrey Barclay	Elizabeth Barclay
July 22	Samantha Lilian Sanborn	Laconia, NH	David Sanborn	Lynn Sanborn
October 5	Dylan Colin Veasey	Plymouth, NH	Colin Veasey	Beth Newton
November 6	Trevor John Brown	Laconia, NH	Ross Brown	Tammy Brown
November 18	Doogan Galloway Brewer Little	Plymouth, NH	Christopher Little	Katherine Brewer
November 23	Mason Joseph Lessard	Plymouth, NH	Kevin Lessard	Shannon Lessard
December 22	Cannon Adams Flinders	Plymouth, NH	Thomas Flinders	Jill Flinders

MARRIAGES-2004

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 3	Jonathan C Wixson Amy E Deachman	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
April 3	Daryl A Dembiec Marcy A Glidden	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 26	Douglas J Scott Cheryl A Spradlin	Holderness, NH Bokeelia, FL
July 24	Derwood C Gray Hazel Hall	Bridgewater, NH Holderness, NH
July 24	Matthew M Currier Shannon O Swift	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 15	Chad D Ewens Alexandra Y Kuxnetsova	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 2	Waylon R Foskey Colleen M Hogan	Patuxent River, MD Holderness, NH
October 8	Michael J Simpson Beth M Chapman	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 16	Richard A Folsom Linda M Baker	New Hampton, NH Holderness, NH
November 11	Allen W Hughes Lauren M Broom	Holderness, NH Thornton, NH

MARRIAGES-2004

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
December 19	Raymond W Olena Margaret J Beveridge	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
December 24	Roger S Gage Arva N Andrews	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

DEATHS- 2004

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Audrey Broderic	February 12, 2004	Holderness, NH	Clarence Muller	Adele Henry
Roland Santiano	March 6, 2004	Manchester, NH	Frederico Santiano	Josephine Perrazzo
D. Arthur Bartholomew	March 9, 2004	Laconia, NH	Donald Decker	Kathryn Corkum
Albert Evans	April 23, 2004	Lebanon, NH	Albert Evans	Phyllis Gello
Dolores Van Vliet	June 26, 2004	Holderness, NH	Harold Klumbach	Dolores Lyman
Gustaf Lindstrom	July 30, 2004	Meredith, NH	Carl Lindstrom	Elsie Maltson
Eric West	September 21, 2004	Holderness, NH	George West	Dorothy Fowler
Gwendoline Smith	October 27, 2004	Plymouth, NH	George Briggs	Emily Moss
Mildred Markle	November 15, 2004	Meredith, NH	Walter Flanders	Cleora Sargeant
Frank Potter	December 16, 2004	Holderness, NH	Frank Potter	Rhoda Anderson

WEB SITE 2004 REPORT

www.holderness-nh.gov

The Holderness Town web site has been up and operating for a little over a year and is reaching an ever increasing number of people each month. The average number of hits on the site for 2004 was 13,500 visitors per month with a high of nearly 19,000 visitors logging on during the month of November.

Last spring we added a new feature to the web site that allows us to post news and important information on the homepage. The “What’s New” feature is located in the right-hand column of the homepage and announces important dates such as office and transfer station closings, notices from various committees and town departments, special tax and assessment information, and other important news.

In late October we were able to post both the 2003 and 2004 property assessments. We have received much positive feedback from residents who are pleased to have this information so readily available.

We have also diligently maintained a full and up-dated Community Calendar of happenings in our local area. This is a great resource for residents, young and old, looking for information on concerts, educational programs, sporting activities and other entertainment opportunities.

We are currently looking at subtle changes to the homepage that will make the site even more user friendly. We hope you will take a few minutes to visit www.holderness-nh.gov and welcome your comments and suggestions on how our web site can better serve the Holderness community.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Abbott,
Webmaster

WELFARE OFFICER'S 2004 REPORT

Welfare assistance provided by this office increased by 44.5% in 2004 over previous expenditures. Primary in this increase was the cost of essential prescription drugs which are not covered under State and Federal assistance programs. Also noted is an increase in rental assistance. Other traditional welfare expenditures included food, electricity, fuel assistance, vehicle expenses, and phone costs, as follows:

Rent.....	\$9,362
Prescriptions.....	3,686
Electric	1,079
Heat.....	2,198
Auto	-0-
Phone	387
Food	<u>297</u>

Total \$17,009

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having the client complete an application which outlines essential and allowed expenses compared with actual income received. When expenses exceed income, the applicant household may become eligible for assistance. All of the application process is specified within the Town's Welfare Ordinance.

I have enjoyed working for the Town as your Welfare Director for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louis E. Pare

A SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

On behalf of the Town of Holderness, our heartfelt gratitude is hereby extended to "First Star Tonight" under the auspices of Mr. Ty Gagne for a most generous contribution to a needy welfare recipient. Thank you "Ty" and "First Star Tonight"

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2004 REPORT

	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Variances	4	3	1
Special Exceptions With Prejudice			1

This year the ZBA had one notable case, which involved unique issues and provoked considerable interest and controversy. This was the request for a special exception to permit gravel excavation at the Pemi Fish and Game Club property. There were several unique features to this case, one of which was that the application was made by the Town of Holderness and not by the property owner. This raised a number of issues, since the Town is the enforcement body for any restrictions in a special exception, which put the Town in the position of policing itself. It also created considerable expense to the Town, since the Town Attorney represented the Board of Selectmen in this application. The ZBA normally uses Town Counsel for legal questions, but in this case, the Town Attorney could not represent the Zoning Board, so an outside attorney was retained with permission of the Selectmen.

Hearings for this case involved attorneys representing the Town, the Pemi Fish and Game Club, and abutters objecting to the application. There was also copious testimony from townspeople and other interested parties, as well as Town appointed bodies, such as the Conservation Commission and Public Works Department. Numerous technical questions were raised, from lead issues, to the proper slope for excavations, and to overlapping land uses on grandfathered property. In addition there were challenges to board members sitting on the case, and two board members chose to recuse themselves to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. More people attended these hearings than any other in recent memory, and while there were heated disagreements over the issues, townspeople were consistently polite and aired their views in the best spirit of local government.

There was no decision rendered in the case, as the applicant (the Holderness Selectmen) withdrew the application. Since the withdrawal was after testimony had concluded and board deliberations had begun, the withdrawal was accepted with prejudice, which is a legal way of saying the same application cannot be considered by future boards, unless there have been significant changes either to the application, the relevant ordinances, or the condition of the neighborhood. The legal effect is similar to a rejection of the application. Selectmen agreed to the withdrawal with prejudice rather than proceeding to a ruling.

Ivan Bass, Pro-tem

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivan Bass, Vice Chairman
Gyda Dicosola
Susan Webster
Robert Rothschild
Jack Barbera, Chairman

Alternate Members
Harry Decker
Tim Lyons

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Term Expires

Ed Swanson	2005
Jane Barry	2005 (for a two year term)
Martha Macomber	2006
Shane Sirles	2006
Laura Rollison	2007

CLERK

Sara Weinberg

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Malcolm Taylor

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel Gaides

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2004

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor who asked Margaret "Peg" Winton to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Results of the Holderness and Pemi-Baker Cooperative School District elections of March 9, 2004 were announced. School Board member for 3 years: Fawn Ouellette received 167 votes; Laura Rollison received 155 votes; Jane Bjerklie-Barry was defeated receiving 143 votes. School Board member for 1 year: Ed Swanson received 230 votes. School District Clerk: Sara Weinberg received 242 votes.

A motion was made by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed unanimously.

Article I: moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers.

Article II: Moved by James Scales and seconded by Kurt Magnus. Suzanne Peoples asked if this figure includes maintenance for new computers. School Board Member Ty Gagne explained that the school cannot budget for maintenance under a capital reserve fund. The money for computer maintenance is located under other lines in the schools operating budget. Passed unanimously.

Article III: Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor. The vote was unanimous to place \$7,500 in the previously established special education capital reserve fund.

Article IV: Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Kurt Magnus. Suzanne Peoples asked the School Board to explain the nature of the benefits and salary increases listed under this article. Ty Gagne responded that the benefits include medical, dental and salary increases over the net 3 years. Martha Macomber explained that staff are given three options for health insurance coverage and that less expensive plans are now being offered. School staff will receive a 3% raise in 2004-2005, a 2.5% raise in 2005-2006 and a 3% raise in 2006-2007. Peoples asked what the raises are based on. Macomber responded that the raises are not based on merit and that all school staff will receive the same raises. The article passed, with Suzanne Peoples opposed.

Article V: Moved by Shane Sirles and seconded by Fran Taylor. Suzanne Peoples asked if the operating budget of \$3,467,844 includes Plymouth Regional High School. Sirles responded that his budget is for Holderness Central School only. This article passed with Suzanne Peoples opposed.

Article VI: Under any further business Laurence Beeson requested that the School Board discuss the contract that Holderness has with Plymouth Regional High School. Beeson stated that Holderness pays approximately \$20,000 each year per student. Ty Gagne explained that the forum for this discussion is at the next SAU meeting. Gagne

also stated that Holderness may be able to hold a special public hearing to discuss this contract. Kurt Magnus asked about the menu for figuring High School tuition. Gagne explained that the school funding formula that was voted on in 1989 set 50% for the number of high school students sent to Plymouth Regional High School and 50% for valuation. Shane Sirles stated that he has talked to other members of the School Board about changing this formula for tuition. Ty Gagne said that it could be risky to attempt to change Holderness' tuition formula, as it could be amended by someone from another town to increase, rather than decrease the amount Holderness pays. Ed Swanson added that there are reports available in the Town Hall regarding the feasibility of Holderness having its own High School.

Shane Sirles expressed appreciation to the two outgoing School Board Members, Ty Gagne and James Scales for their years of service. Sirles thanked Gagne and Scales for their dedication and presented them with flowers as a token of the School Board's appreciation.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara M. Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eighth day of March, 2005 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
3. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 21st day of February, 2005.

Jane Barry
Edward Swanson
Martha C. Macomber
Shane D. Sirles
Laura Rollison

A true copy of warrant attest:

Jane Barry
Edward Swanson
Martha C. Macomber
Shane D. Sirles
Laura Rollison

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Thursday the (17th) seventeenth day of March, 2005, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing computers and related equipment. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building renovations and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in this fund and to designate the school board as agents to expend from this Building Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million four hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$3,433,832) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and includes the sums found in Articles 2 and 3. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To discuss Senate Bill 2 which will be voted on by official ballot at the polls on March 8, such ballot question to read: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District?" (Submitted by Petition) (60% vote required) The School Board Does Not recommend this article.

Article 6: To discuss RSA 194-C:9-b which will be voted on by official ballot at the polls on March 8, such ballot question to read: "Shall the voters of the Holderness school district within school administrative unit number 48 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school

administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings?" (Submitted by Petition) (Majority vote required.) The School Board Does Not recommend this article.

Article 7: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

Shane D. Sirles
Jane Barry
Martha C. Macomber
Laura Rollison
Edward Swanson
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Shane D. Sirles
Jane Barry
Martha C. Macomber
Laura Rollison
Edward Swanson
Holderness School Board

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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004 Approved by DRA	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		1,466,383.00	1,461,323.00	1,485,100.00		1,485,100.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs		366,010.00	429,761.00	430,125.00		430,125.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs		27,896.00	31,749.00	32,315.00		32,315.00	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		225,567.00	279,543.00	250,606.00		250,606.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		84,724.00	99,857.00	100,326.00		100,326.00	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION								
2310-840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		15,123.00	19,785.00	21,285.00		21,285.00	
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION								
2320-310	SAU Management Services		147,672.00	152,353.00	188,144.00		188,144.00	
2320-2329	All Other Executive							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		155,071.00	163,186.00	164,890.00		164,890.00	
2500-2599	Business		924.00	1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Pla		273,246.00	249,299.00	246,227.00		246,227.00	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		105,444.00	113,770.00	115,639.00		115,639.00	
2800-2999	Other Support Service							
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCT		0.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		230,000.00	230,000.00	140,000.00		140,000.00	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		59,145.00	42,418.00	28,875.00		28,875.00	

Budget School District of Holderness FY2005				MS 27				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	Not Recommended
FUND TRANSFERS				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service		118,560.00	129,000.00	139,000.00		139,000.00	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		69,752.00	45,000.00	45,000.00		45,000.00	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves	2.3	10,000.00	17,500.00	45,000.00		45,000.00	
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see pg.3)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL 1		3,355,517.00	3,467,844.00	3,433,832.00		3,433,832.00	

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Tru: \$ (see RSA 198:20-c,V)
 Help! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition				
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		500.00	500.00	200.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources (WC/UE Dividends, C		0.00	29,899.00	0.00
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid				
3120	Shared Revenue				
3210	School Building Aid		72,900.00	65,945.00	42,000.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		0.00	0.00	0.00
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		93,000.00	93,000.00	93,000.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		0.00	0.00	3,800.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		20,000.00	45,000.00	55,709.00
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Rev Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Cont'd)

5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	Unreserved Fund Balance		0.00	1,938.00	0.00
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted from Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		0.00	186,400.00	236,282.00	194,709.00

**** BUDGET SUMMARY ****

	SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	3,433,832.00	3,433,832.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,433,832.00	3,433,832.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	194,709.00	194,709.00
Less: Amount of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	0.00	0.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised for School District Assessment	3,239,123.00	3,239,123.00

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

This year was about exciting growth, achievement, and loss. Our student numbers have grown to 241 as we begin 2005. Five staff members added to their families and we welcomed long-term maternity substitutes Cathy McKay, Chet DeVarney, and Martha Aguiar to our staff, along with our new nurse Ruthann Kline Smith and support staff members Bobbi Dross and Erin Druckenmiller. We were proud that Melody Funk was honored as the State's Art Teacher of the Year, and Officer Mark Nash as D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. We have a new website courtesy of our Best Schools' work and outstanding parent volunteers like Sarah Daniels-Campbell and Alicia Abbott. We again won the Blue Ribbon Award for our Parent/Volunteer Program and the PTA again contributed greatly to our programs as well as the award. An exploratory committee investigated potential foreign language programs for our school, and we piloted new regional (NECAP) testing. Sadly, we also grieved the loss of Dr. John True, Superintendent of Schools this November. John's patience and caring set a positive tone in the SAU, and he is missed. We welcome Mark Halloran as our new Superintendent and Kathy Boyle who will join Ethel Gaides as Assistant Superintendent this next year.

We became one of two schools in New Hampshire to pilot an integrated music program in conjunction with the New Hampshire Music Festival. We are just starting to receive resources and guidance from nationally known, published experts to implement music in conjunction with early reading and math instruction. The research has proven that this develops the skills needed for reading and wires the brain to think mathematically, dramatically increasing achievement in both subjects. Our music teacher has been working in the classrooms closely with our kindergarten and first grade teachers during reading time and all have gone to training along with our art teacher on how to increase academic learning through art and music.

We continue to provide extracurricular sports, a winter program, and enrichment activities as well as early morning help sessions. We successfully developed a new, free summer school program with grant money and a new fifth grade environmental school experience right here in Holderness. Report cards were changed, continuums developed, and benchmarks created to provide parents with more information on their children's progress.

Our computers were all upgraded and a new sound system and cameras were purchased with grant money. Middle School students are learning movie making and other technology skills to present their research results. The community's support of all our functions from concerts to the Holiday Fair is so appreciated. We again provided holiday food baskets and winter essentials to community members and involved our students in our "Giving Tree" collection. Students in our middle school service learning class and student council all helped organize initiatives to help others. We began monthly full school assemblies run by students to promote leadership skills and to showcase learning and held our first presidential mock election to teach citizenship.

Our S.T.A.R.S program, which connects students from different grades in mentor/teacher capacities, is active as is our continuing Best Schools' work on the facility, community relations, math, and literacy. In addition, several staff members participate on SAU-wide curriculum committees. The whole staff participated this fall in a self-analysis on six criteria of excellence. Our application as a school of excellence was mailed in January. We have been busy trying to continually improve what we do. It's all about meeting students' needs and increasing achievement.

I hold open meetings monthly to garner your feedback and suggestions. Your input is always appreciated and welcome, especially now as we begin a long-term strategic plan for Holderness Central School.

I thank a most hard-working, dedicated, professional staff and school board. We will continually strive to provide a top quality education in a warm, caring atmosphere for every child. This school is a reflection of a wonderful community. Thank you for your incredible support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra L. McLaughlin
Principal

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL

HEALTH OFFICE REPORT

During the Fall of 2004, the Health Office at Holderness Central has seen a flurry of activity.

Plymouth Pediatrics conducted sports' physicals as students signed up for soccer teams and field hockey teams.

Students were weighed, measured and screened for pediculosis (lice), and baseline audiograms completed.

Immunization records have been reviewed and updated to meet the State of New Hampshire requirements for 2004/2005. The immunization status of students throughout New Hampshire are reported annually (November) to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services.

The annual flu shot clinic at HCS met the cancellation fate of others statewide and we started flu prevention measures promotion with emphasis on covered coughs and sneezes, and hand washing.

Mrs. Barbara Laverack, a registered dental hygienist affiliated with Speare Memorial Hospital, provided a dental education program for all of our HCS students. Additionally, parents had the opportunity to include children for a dental screening (52), and a dental cleaning/fluoride treatment (38), as well as the weekly fluoride rinse program in grades 1-5 (64).

As we transition to winter activities, screenings will continue, including vision and postural screening, as outlined by the New Hampshire Department of Education guidelines for School Nurses.

On an average day in the HCS Health Office, students stop by for first aid, prescribed medication, screening, and to discuss concerns and/or describe symptoms of illness. Faculty and staff work together to promote health and wellness in our school community.

Please consider the HCS Health Office as a resource for your questions or concerns. I welcome community input.

Remember to take time for your health.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruthann KlineSmith, R.N.
School Nurse

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 2004

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of our long time superintendent, John True. We lost a friend, a colleague and a true advocate for children.

A sudden change like this allows us the opportunity to take stock of our schools and the entire structure of SAU #48.

You will be pleased to know that at the beginning of this school year, John and I discussed thoroughly the strength of staff contained within our districts. We felt that we've never had such a strong and competent group of administrators as we have now working on behalf of your sons and daughters. You should know also that the quality of teachers working in our districts is outstanding. We both believed this can be attributed to the political and financial stability provided by the voters. It is because of your support that we have been able to attract and retain outstanding candidates for positions as they become vacant. These individuals, joining our loyal and veteran staffs, have made us a very desirable location in which to work and live.

As with any change of leadership, there will be changes, but please know that John and I shared many core beliefs, namely creating and maintaining a climate in which students and teachers can thrive.

Joining us at the central office in July will be Kathy Boyle, a long-time teacher and administrator in the Plymouth School District. Kathy brings significant experience to the role of Assistant Superintendent.

Jon Francis will assume the newly created position of Facilities Director for all of our schools. Jon has worked at the high school for a number of years and will bring his considerable skills to our communities. We will look forward to these two talented individuals impacting all of our schools on a daily basis.

Your school board members have dedicated themselves to providing the finest educational opportunities for our children within the economic reality of our region. All of us know the sacrifices property tax payers in our communities make on behalf of our students, faculty and staff. The interests of all are measured carefully by your board members.

All of us have been blessed by the community spirit of those who volunteer to be members of our local school boards. The dedication of these gracious public servants should be respected and admired.

Finally, please let me thank all of you for the support and best wishes I have received recently and, quite frankly, over the past fifteen years. There is no better place to live, work and raise a family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark J. Halloran

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT **SPECIAL EDUCATION** **ACTUAL EXPENDITURES REPORT** **PER RSA 32:11-A**

	Fiscal Year 2002/2003	Fiscal Year 2003/2004
Expenditures	\$504,402	\$524,224
Revenues	\$165,776	\$147,382
Net Expenditures	\$338,626	\$376,842
\$ increase/decrease		\$38,216
% increase/decrease		11.29%

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR 2004 REPORT

Report to the People of District One

State of New Hampshire

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

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Sincerely Yours,
Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. 2004 REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2004, 58 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 1,035 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 714 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 22 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 10 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,421.75 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2004 was \$10,293.30.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

OCTOBER 1, 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 58 Holderness residents (out of 345 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	1,749	x	\$5.72	\$	10,004.28
Transportation	Trips	22	x	\$9.05	\$	199.10
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$7.47	\$	0.00
Social Services	Half-hours	4	x	\$22.48	\$	89.92
Activities		153.5		N/A		
ServiceLink		Contacts	6			

Number of Holderness volunteers: 7 . Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,421.75

GCSCC cost to provide services for Holderness residents only	\$10,293.30
Request for Senior Services for 2004	\$2,175.00
Received from Town of Holderness for 2004	\$1,087.50
Request for Senior Services for 2005	\$2,175.00

NOTE: 1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
 2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 9%; Contributions 10%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004
 October 1-September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2003	FY2004
Dining Room Meals	77,984	81,486
Home Delivered Meals	119,695	109,546
Transportation (Trips)	44,698	45,108
Adult Day Service (Hours)	15,426	17,323
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	8,192	7,212
ServiceLink Contacts	940	1,360
Adult In Home Care	(new program)	4,622

COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2003	FY2004
Congregate/home delivered meals	\$ 6.10	\$ 5.72
Transportation (per trip)	\$10.57	\$ 9.05
Adult Day Service (hour of Service)	\$ 6.11	\$ 7.47
Social Services (per unit)	\$21.88	\$22.48
Adult In-Home Care (hour of service)		\$21.40

HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2004 REPORT

Because of the hard work and efforts of our new program leaders (Cynthia Murray and Dodie Greenwood), the past year was very active with many very interesting programs. We enjoyed potluck suppers and excellent speakers, including such topics as a history of old Phonographs using wax rolls and a review of military service many years ago. Gerry White, a summer resident, spoke on her research on the old Bridge School (now the annex to the Community Church opposite the Fire/Police Station). Many people who attended Bridge School added their comments to her fine presentation.

We also presented Roger Gage with our Man of the Year Award, in recognition of his many years of service to the community and the Historical Society. He was very surprised!

During the summer months the Society building was open for visitors on Saturday mornings, with special displays to enhance the museum's offerings. These included such displays as sewing, quilts, and historic baseball paraphernalia.

During 2004 we continued to make improvements inside the building. On the second floor we had the floor finished, new windows installed, and furnished an office with fireproof files. Our stairs to the second floor, and down into the basement, were finished – they look really nice and add to the overall detail of the building.

New cases were installed on the main floor to display our collection of historic items.

We wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Holderness who support an appropriation to the Society each year. We also wish to thank our many patrons and businesses that have contributed time and money this past year. We use these funds prudently and put them to good use in our efforts to preserve and present the great history of Holderness and central New Hampshire.

Please stop by the Historical Society building located behind the Holderness Post Office at Curry Place at your earliest opportunity, and join us for the informative and interesting programs next summer. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline B. Marden, President

INTER-LAKES DAY CARE CENTER

2004 REPORT

Two-thousand and four was a busy year for Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, during which we completed a series of renovations including a fire sprinkler system throughout the building, a new chimney, a handicap access ramp, expansion of the toddler playground, bathrooms, and brick walkways.

The Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School's early childhood program provides comprehensive, developmentally appropriate infant, toddler, preschool, and school age extended-day programs within a safe and nurturing environment. Guided by professional staff, this enhances the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children, while at the same time responding to the needs of families by providing morning preschool programs, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Other services include special needs support, vision and hearing screening, dental care, transportation for kindergarten, and sponsorship of 26 home daycare providers who serve approved meals and snacks and receive reimbursement from USDA.

Through the State of New Hampshire, under the Title XX Child Care and Development Fund scholarships, sliding-fee scale tuition is available based on income and family size. This helps parents who are employed, in training, enrolled in degree or certificate programs, on job search or who are temporarily disabled.

The children, families and staff of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center extend a heartfelt thank you to the Town of Holderness for its continual strong support.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Pelletier
Executive Director

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

2003 – 2004 (FY-04)

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded by local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year:

- Participated in a strategic meeting relative to a proposed update of the town master plan.
- Conducted the Squam Lakes Watershed Comprehensive Mapping and Community Outreach project in connection with the NH Department of Environmental Services, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Squam Lakes Association, and the NH Fish & Game Department. Provided natural resource, wildlife, and watershed co-occurrence maps to participating communities.
- Created and supplied three CD copies of the Squam Watershed Mapping and Outreach Project to the conservation commission.
- Supplied the Holderness Central School with information regarding projected household size trends resulting from new development.
- Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$15 million in the Lakes Region.
- Planned the 19th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. Two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.

- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: the Basics of Subdivision & Site Plan Review, Land Use Law Update, and New Challenges for Municipal Regulation of the Environment. We also prepared for the 2004 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.
- Completed the Lakes Region Housing Needs Assessment, an assessment of the regional need for housing for persons and families of all levels of income. It is viewable at www.lakesrpc.org, our web site.
- Ordered and distributed copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC advises the LRPC on projects of regional significance.
- Continued work on the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.
- Conducted over 160 traffic counts around the region, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.
- Maintain an ongoing effort to update a database of key socioeconomic and human service indicators, in cooperation with the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- Convened six area Commission meetings, two of which featured Legislative Nights where local legislators presented information on proposed legislation of regional planning, environmental, and economic interest.
- Updated the annual Development Activity in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing, construction, industrial, and commercial development trends in the region.
- Continue to represent the region on several boards and committees related to the economic and environmental well-being of the region, e.g., the Belknap County Economic Development Council, NH Route 16 Corridor Advisory Committee, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, etc.
- Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.
- Produced a calendar of critical deadlines for March Town Meeting, and distributed it via our web site and regular mail.
- Advocated several transportation enhancement applications on behalf of the region; five were selected by the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation having a combined total of approximately \$1.3 million.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

2004 REPORT

Thanks to a strong community spirit, those who gave so much for this country were well remembered on Memorial Day 2004. Three dozen flags were donated by the Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post #15 of Ashland and were placed on local Veterans' graves in eight cemeteries around town. The Legion also participated in the parade, performing a ceremony at Bridge Cemetery in the center of town and on the bridge over the Channel. The parade was led by Marshal Roger Gage. Bands from Holderness Central School and Baker River Valley Band provided music. The parade had patriotic floats, bikes, walkers, fire trucks and antique cars.

The Holderness Fire & Police Departments were very helpful.

Attendance was wonderful thanks to all those who helped, participated and all those who came to watch and remember this very important day.

Respectfully Submitted
Edward R. Ford & Margaret R. Winton
Co-Chairmen

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

HOLDERNESS TOWN REPORT - 2004

Representative: Bonnie Webb Alternate: Betty Nicholson

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice provides your community with a multitude of services and programs. Some of the new initiatives during 2004 have been. . .

- Continuing participation in the Home Visiting NH program called “Healthy Mom, Happy Baby”, a collaborative effort with Speare Memorial Hospital
- Foot Care Clinic at the Plymouth Senior Center
- “Channel 3: “Your Health Matters” presented 5 programs for local viewing, including
- Channel 3- “The Doctor is In” are tapes provided by Dartmouth Hitchcock and run every week
- Hospice Volunteer Education Programs and annual training
- Added Quality Management position to staff
- Participation in PSU Senior Health Forum and Cancer Walk
- Blood Pressure Clinics and information sessions to the Business Professional Women’s Club in Plymouth and the Hebron Women’s Club, the Warren Senior lunch, the town of Groton at the Library, and the NH Cooperative Annual Meeting..
- Provided immunizations clinics to the Russell School in Rumney, Holderness Central School, Thornton Elementary School, Plymouth Elementary School, and Ashland Elementary School.
- Participation in the Plymouth Regional High School’s LNA/LPN program
- The Grafton County Home Forum was held at the Grafton County Nursing Home on September 20. The four home care agencies in Grafton Co. provided a luncheon program to state representatives, selectmen, commissioners and legislative candidates. The program detailed the shortcoming of Medicaid reimbursement for home care services and was well attended by concerned government officials.
- Wellness Fair – Pemigewasset National Bank
- Hospice Presentation – Holderness School, Sophomore Class
- 2004 annual Hospice Tree and Garland lighting ceremonies at Dresser’s Unlimited and Pemigewasset National bank-West Plymouth

As we continue to be active in the community, we live our mission as a non-profit organization which is to serve our member towns and surrounding communities by providing health care and hospice services to individuals and families in their homes and in the community. From our patient satisfaction surveys, community support of our annual campaign and letters of appreciation from patients and families, we feel confident we are meeting that mission.

We are your local homecare agency . . . ask for us by name.

Bonnie Webb and Betty Nicholson for
Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice

PRIVATE WELL USERS

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected. A list of New Hampshire Accredited private and municipal Laboratories offering private water testing and interpretation is at www.des.nh.gov/pdf/labs_welltesting.pdf.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well? The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire: Arsenic, Bacteria, Fluoride, Nitrate, Radium, Radon, Sodium, Uranium, and Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs).

Where can you learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the NH Department of Environmental Services' website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

THE SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

2004 REPORT

The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for the public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and unique resource values of the lakes and surrounding area. In cooperation with local and state authorities and other conservation organizations, the Association promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region. Since 1904, the Association has focused in three primary areas to fulfill our mission: conservation, education, and outreach.

Conservation: The SLA, aided by numerous volunteers, has collected over twenty-five years of water quality data in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's Lay Lake Monitoring Program. In addition, the tributaries around the watershed are being monitored on a monthly basis to examine phosphorus loading into the lakes and implement Best Management Practices where necessary. In 2002, the first year of a baseline bio-inventory project was completed. The data collected will be used to enhance the monitoring of watershed health and inform decision makers who actively support legislation that will conserve and protect the Squam Lakes Watershed.

A growing concern for the watershed is the invasive plant, variable milfoil, that has been found in both of the lakes and the channel. Non-native invaders, such as milfoil, disrupt the food chain, stunt fish growth, and degrade wildlife habitat and water quality. In areas that are completely overtaken by variable milfoil, fishing, swimming, and boating are virtually impossible. A decline in property values is another consequence of invasive species infestations. Once milfoil is found in a lake, with no known method of eradication, the only option is to manage the plant through various techniques. Our main management techniques are handpicking, laying bottom barrier netting, surveying, and herbicide applications. In the past 18 months, there have been over 1598 man-hours devoted to milfoil management by SLA staff, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, private consultants, and local residents. The SLA has spent over \$40,000 on milfoil management and will continue to allocate funds for this purpose in the coming years. We are looking for volunteers to help monitor the 65 miles of shoreline surrounding the lakes. If you would like to sign up for this vital program, please contact the Squam Lakes Association at 968-7336.

Education: The SLA offers a summer youth program in July and August. There are two different programs that introduce children to the unique resources of the Squam Lakes Region. The Junior Squam Lakes Association Program seeks to develop the next generation of environmental stewards through outdoor activities including hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and camping. The other program is our award winning Community Youth Sailing Program that introduces children to the techniques of sailing using Optimist and Club Junior class sailboats. For each of these programs there are scholarships offered to students residing in the five watershed towns. These scholarships are provided to children exemplifying qualities of good citizenship or humanitarianism. The Squam Lakes Association also offers American Canoe Association certified kayak instruction,

educates and promotes safe boating, and works with local schools to educate students about the watershed.

Outreach: To enhance public access to the Squam Lakes and promote low-impact recreational use, the SLA rents canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. We also manage fourteen backcountry campsites on Moon Island, Bowman Island, Chamberlain-Reynolds Memorial Forest, and Mead Base. SLA provides low-impact public boat access at the SLA Headquarters and at Belknap Woods. The SLA also manages and protects properties available for public recreation in the Squam Lakes area and maintains over 50 miles of hiking trails in the Squam Range, Rattlesnakes, Red Hill, and the Sandwich Range.

SLA also produces numerous publications including our Loon Flyer, The Squam Lakes Water Trail Guide, and The Squam Trail Guide. Our website, www.squamlakes.org, provides detailed information about our events such as Winterfest, Hike for the Trails, Bike Around the Lake, Pancake Breakfast, Sail Around the Lake, and our Annual Meeting.

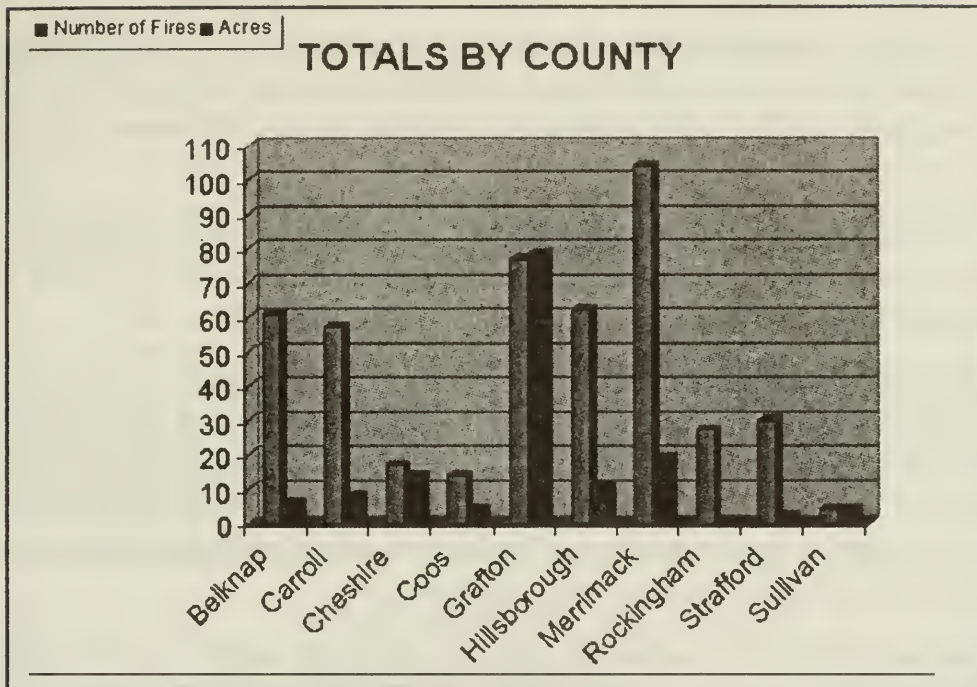
FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2004 REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson.....	15
Campfire.....	41
Children.....	12
Smoking	19
Debris.....	201
Railroad.....	1
Equipment.....	5
Lightning.....	5
Misc.*.....	163

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires Total Acres

2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

2004 REPORT OF UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION- GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, seminars and conferences, and up-to-date web sites. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keeps up-to-date on the latest research and information, and works collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

A professional staff of five educators and one specialist work out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN GRAFTON COUNTY, FY04:

- To strengthen NH's Communities: Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture: Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; Volunteer Training (Master Gardeners, Coverts Cooperators, Community Tree Stewards, 4-H Leaders); Land Use Planning; Finance & Tax Assistance.
- To strengthen NH's Family and Youth: After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H Youth Development: Family Lifeskills Program; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; and Volunteer Leader Training Programs.
- To sustain NH's Natural Resources: Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Plant Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Program; Water Quality/Nutrient Management Programs, Agricultural Business Management; Estate Planning and Conservation Easement Education Programs.

- To improve the economy: Small Business Assistance (Forest Industry, Logging, Contractors, Consulting Foresters, Farms, Nurseries); Farm and Forest Product Marketing; Agricultural Business Management; Family Financial Management; Employment Skills Training Program.

Extension Staff: Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family & Consumer Resources; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peter, Nutrition Connections; and Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose). Educators are supported by Jerilynn Martino, Donna Mitton and Kristina Vaughan at the Extension Office.

Extension Advisory Council: Mike Dannehy, Woodsville; Sheila Fabrizio, North Haverhill; James Kinder, North Haverhill; David Keith, North Haverhill; Shaun Lagueux, Bristol; Jane O'Donnell, Littleton; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Carol Ronci, Franconia; Denis Ward (Chair), Monroe. Teen Members include: Molly Roy, Bath and Justine Morris, Haverhill.

Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

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Extension programs and policies are nondiscriminatory with regard to age, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and veterans' status.

Respectfully submitted,
 Northam D. Parr
 County Office Administrator

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

2004 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

To the Voices Against Violence staff, board members, volunteers and supportive community members:

First of all we'd like to thank you for just being there.

Some of us have stayed with, or returned to, abusive partners because we didn't think we could make it on our own.

You have shown us different.

You have convinced us that we, and our children, deserve different.

You have helped us to realize that we are not worthless as we have been conditioned so long to believe.

Thank you for reminding us that we are good parents when we were told the opposite for so long.

Thank you for helping us rediscover our self-esteem or even realize it for the first time.

Thank you for reminding us how to be assertive and protect our boundaries.

Thank you for letting us vent about custodial issues, "the system," etc., whenever we needed to.

Thank you for providing us with the necessities while we're trying to get back on our feet.

Thank you for helping our children have happy birthdays when we couldn't quite do it ourselves.

Thank you for helping us obtain things like haircuts and long neglected dental care that helps us immeasurably to feel better about ourselves.

Thank you for providing fun things to do with our families and even occasional time away from them.

Thank you for helping us obtain vehicles that go a long way in helping us to regain our independence.

Thank you for helping us try to find housing and making sure that we have everything we need when we do find that housing.

Thank you for your kindness, caring and support.

Thank you for all the other things you do that are too numerous to mention.

By appreciative clients of Voices Against Violence

Respectfully submitted,
Jaye Olmstead

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Holderness, New Hampshire

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated February 11, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained and understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Mt. Livermore Beach, Holderness, N. H.



THE TOWERS AND BOARD WALK, HOLDERNESS, N. H.



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Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

Fax

968-9954

E-mail: Holderness@adelphia.net

Compliance/Health Officer - Fire Station - Route 3 968-4491

(Building Permits/Septic Permits)

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Town Hall - Route 3 968-7536

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

PERMITS TO TRANSFER STATION AND BEACH AVAILABLE FROM TOWN CLERK

Transfer Station - Tada Dump Road (off Route 3) 279-6336

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - Saturday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Sunday - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Recreation Department - Town Hall - Route 3 968-3700

e-mail – holdrec@adelphia.net

Hours varied per season

Holderness Free Library 968-7066

Public Works Garage - Beede Road 536-2932

Police Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency) 968-9555

Administrative Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Fire Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency) 968-4491

Volunteer Department

POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 536-1626 (Police Dispatch)

FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 524-1545 (Fire Dispatch)

